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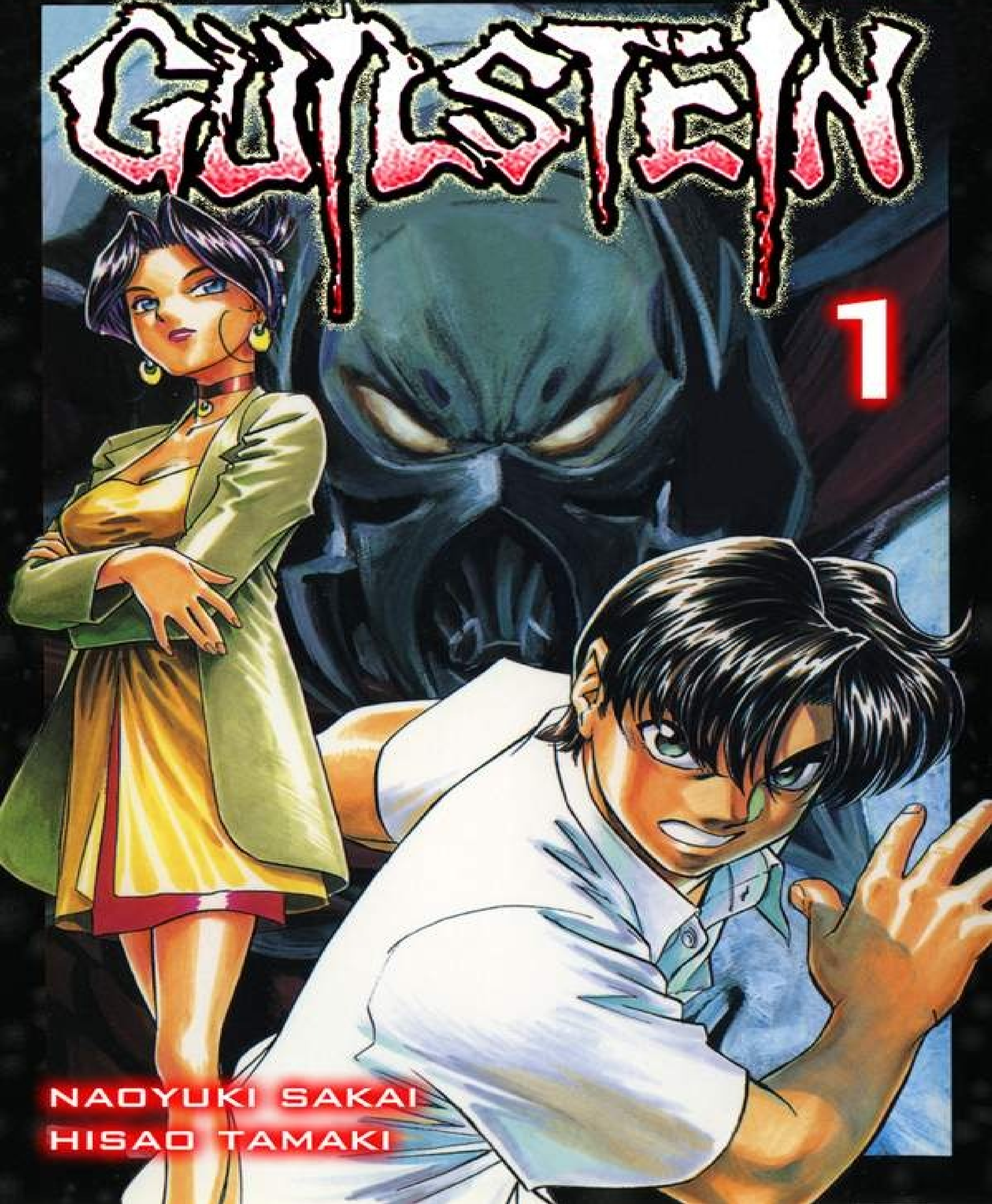

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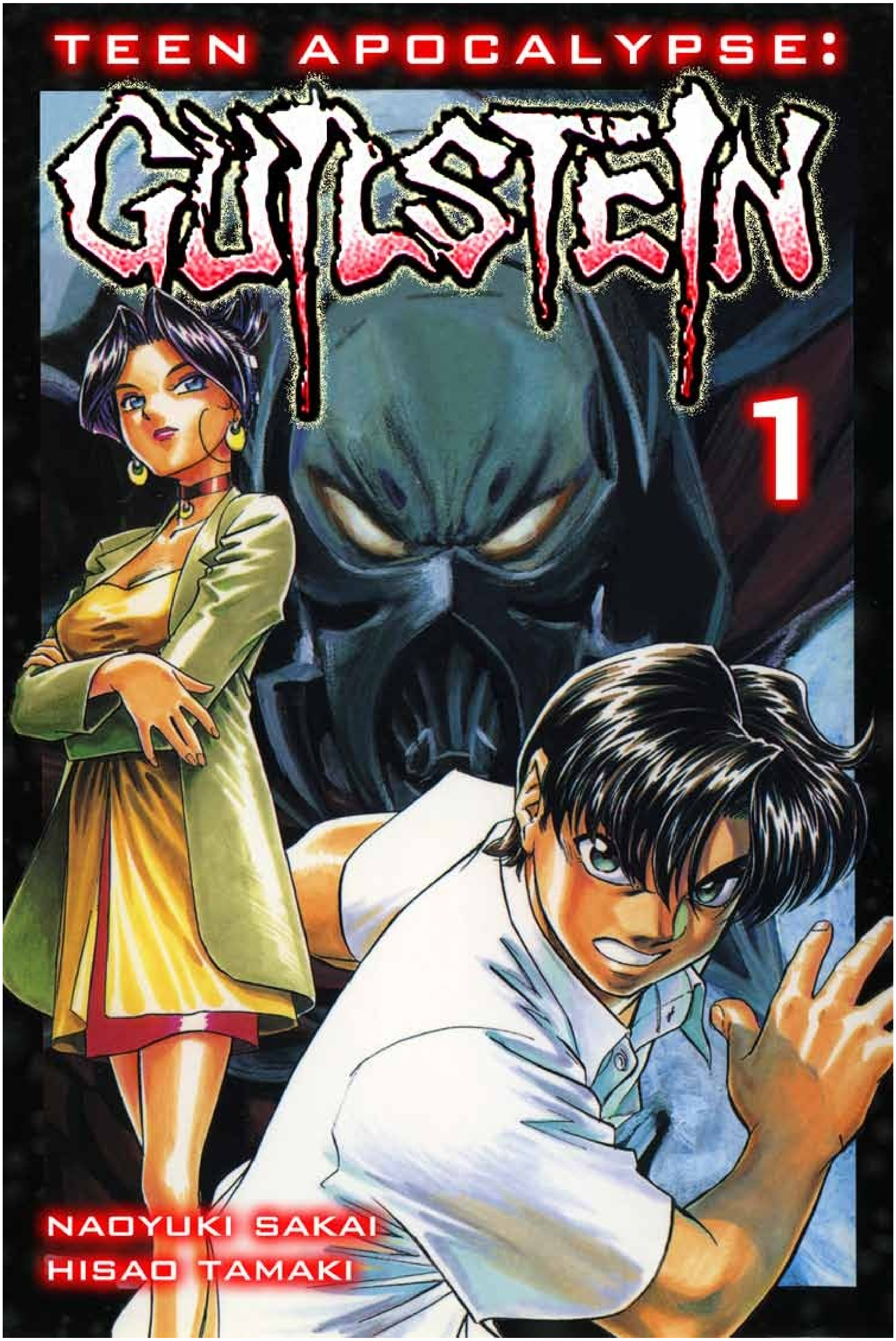
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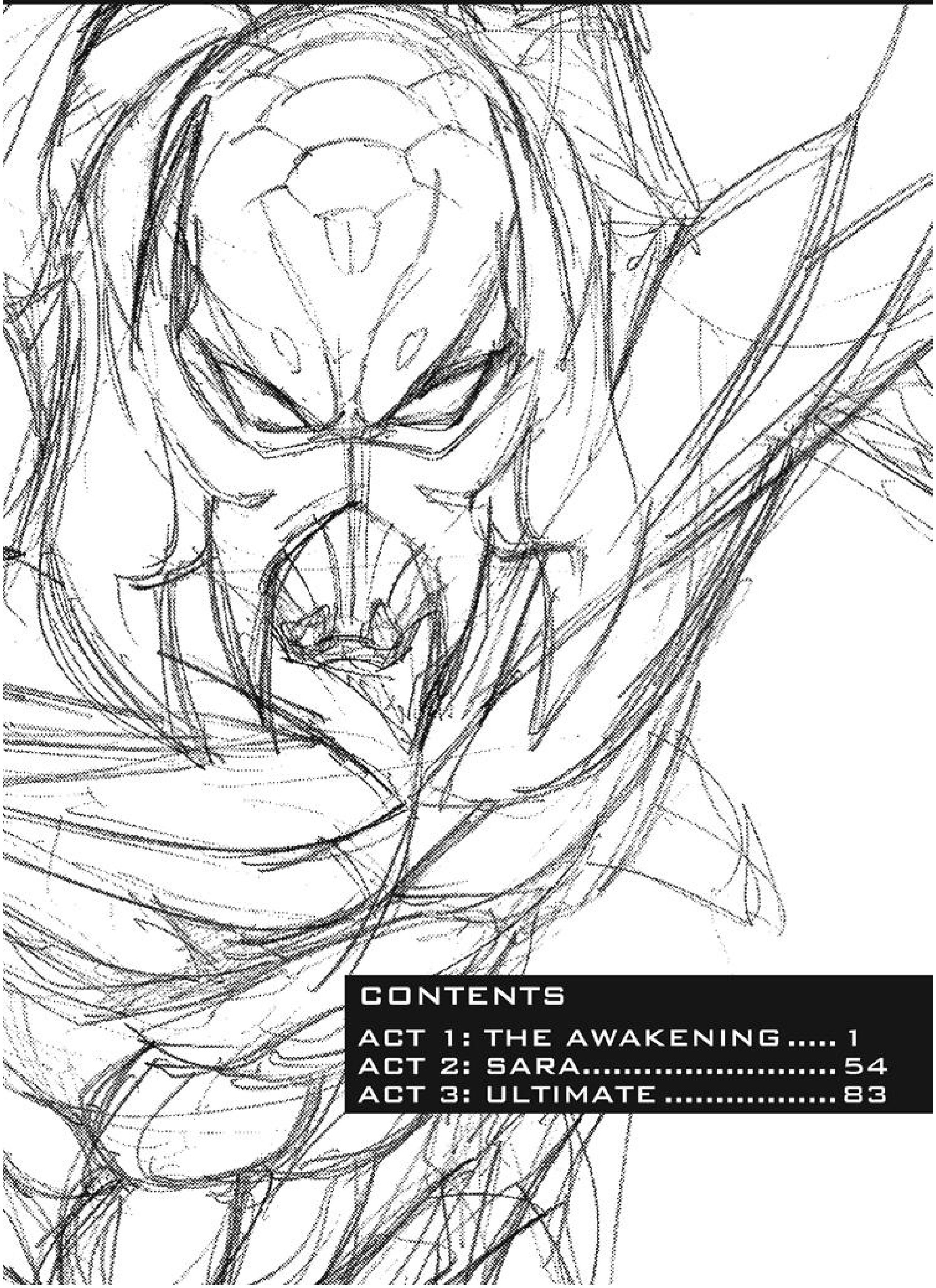

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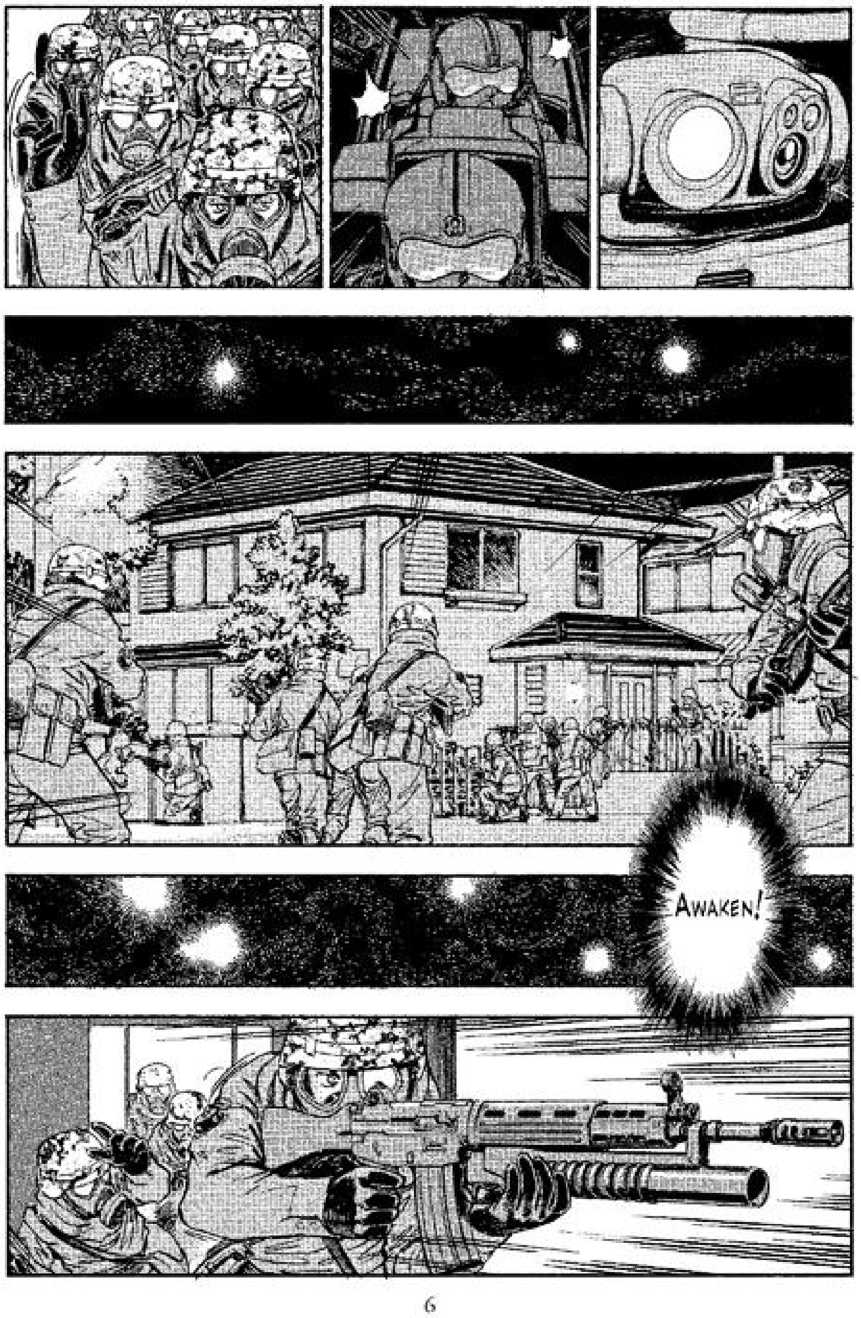
Act 1

WHAT? A PLAY-STATION 2?!
NOW THAT'S A GIFT FIT FOR A 15 YEAR-OLD.
HEY NOW, KAZU-HIRO!
RIP
YES! COOL!
LATER ON, WE CAN BOTH GIVE IT A SPIN!
COME BLOW OUT YOUR CANDLES, BIG BROTHER!
KRRSSHT
GET OVER HERE SO WE CAN EAT SOME CAKE!
Happy Birthday
ENOUGH ALREADY, DEAR!
OH, HE'S JUST A BOY ENJOYING HIS GIFT.
TH-THUMP...
HUH?
CHAK-KA!

KAZU-HIRO?
WHAT'S WRONG?! KAZU-HIRO!
UNGH, UNGRH ...
UGH!
QUICK! CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
JUST HOLD ON!
ARE YOU IN PAIN?!
IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT DEAR
BIG BROTHER ...
TH-THUMP
AH!
TH-THUMP
AHHH... AHH...
KAZU-HIRO?!
KAZU-HIRO!
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
UGH!
UWAAAAGH!!
KRAASH!
FWASHYAH!

FOMP!
PAK
PAK
CHRK
CHRK
CHRK
RIIIP!!
CHRK
BIG BROTHER ...?
AH!
AH! AGH!

Act 1
The Awakening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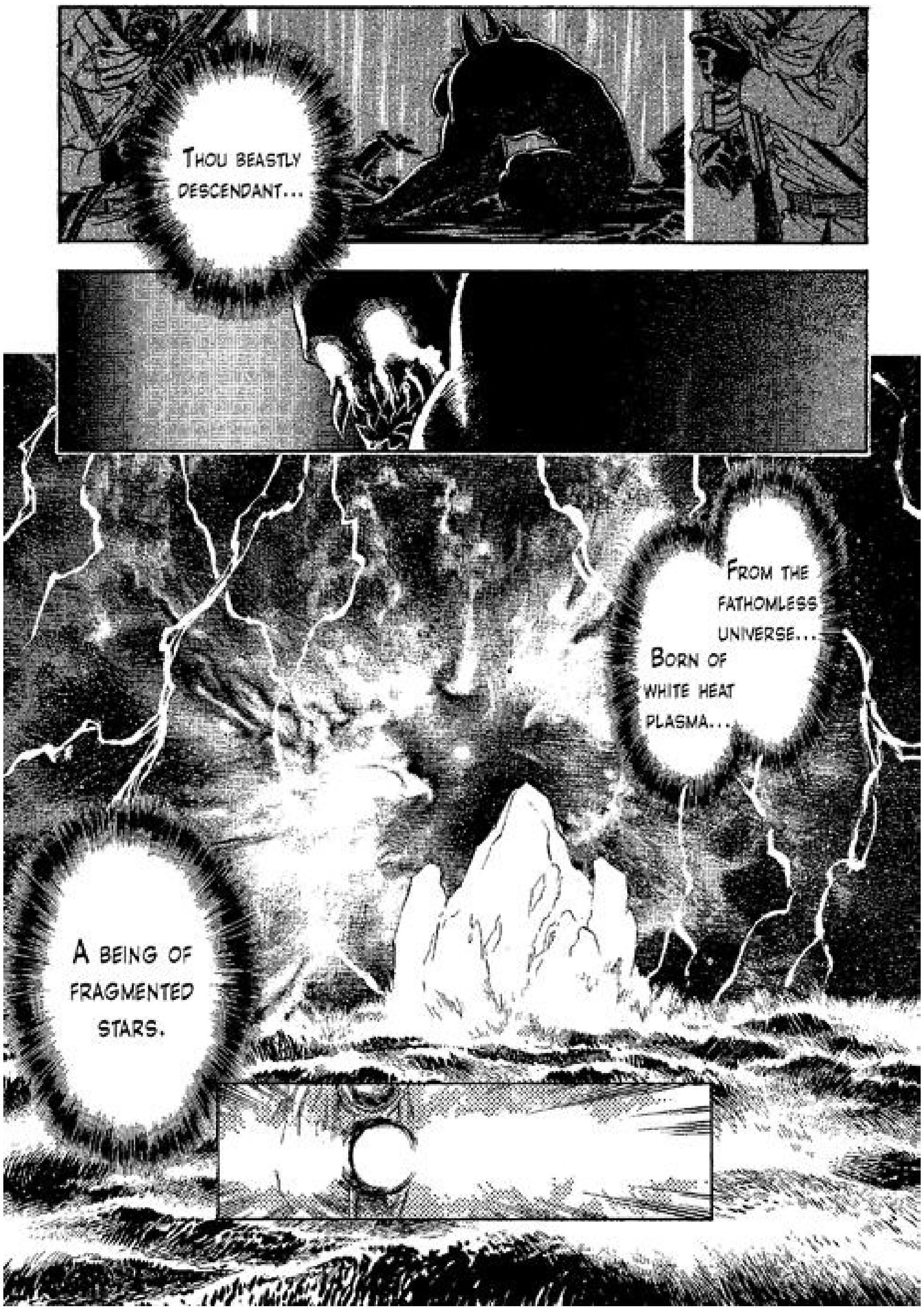

Thou beastly descendant...
From the fathomless universe...
Born of white heat plasma...
A being of fragmented stars.

WAAH!!
KA-SHA!
Again...
That dream again...
I'm crying for no reason.
Who is that girl?
Every time I have this dream, it always turns out that...
IORI!!!!! ...!
Breakfast is ready! Time to get up!

15 YEAR-OLD BOY SLAYS FAMILY
KRNKL
DOMP DOMP DOMP DOMP
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RACKET? YOU WERE SHOUTING.
DID YOU FALL OUT OF BED, DEAR?
MORNIN'. AND NO, MOM, I DIDN'T.
HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED NOW.
IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY MORNING.
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY. JUST LEMME TAKE A LEAK.
Every time I have that dream... Another killing...!
OH, MY. THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY OF THESE LATELY.
DEAR, DO YOU THINK IORI WILL BE OK?
THIS IS THE EIGHTH CASE IN A SERIES OF SLAYINGS BY 15 YEAR-OLD SUSPECTS. YOU COULD CALL THEM "TICKING TIME-BOMB TEENAGERS"!
WELL, IORI IS 15, BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO WORRY.
HE'S A GOOD KID.
FLUUSSSHH...
GURBLE
GURBLE
GURBLE

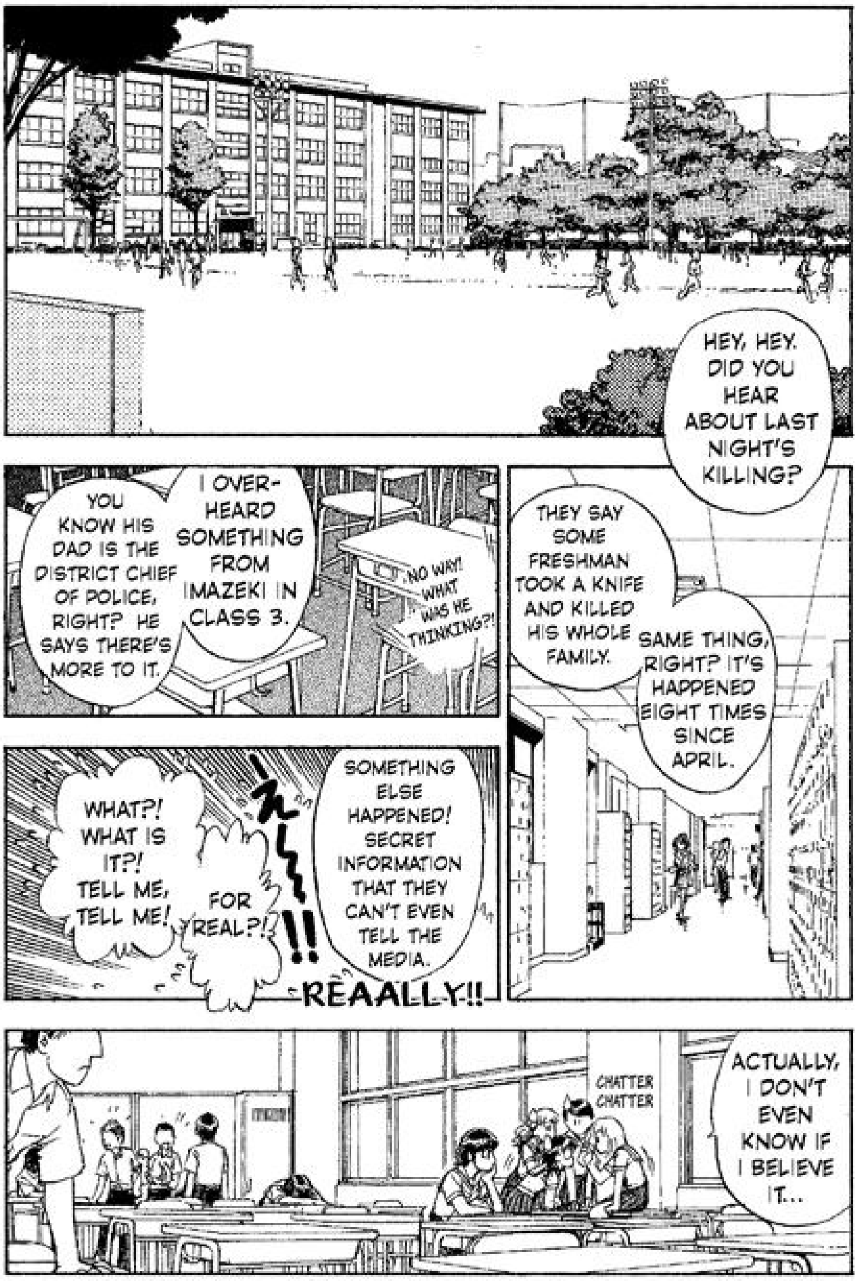
OH, BY THE WAY IORI...
...HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM YOUR OLDER BROTHER RECENTLY?
FROM NATSU-MI...?
ぱたん
SLIDE
AH...
ACTUALLY, YEAH! HE SENT ME SOME-THING!
OOK I'VE GOT MAIL!
HUH?
I STARTED READING IT... THEN A WEIRD VIRUS TOOK OVER MY COMPUTER!
ARGH!
HMPH! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING. THIS SUCKS!
てててて〜
DEET DEET DEET DEET...
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BRING HOME MY ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE.
THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG UNTIL I OPENED HIS E-MAIL...
SO I KNOW IT WAS NATSUMI THAT SENT THAT VIRUS TO ME.
NOW, NOW... ♡
I'M JUST GLAD HE ISN'T A PARATROOPER ANYMORE. I HATED WORRYING ABOUT HIM EVERY DAY.
SO WHERE IS NATSUMI OFF TO, NOW?
HMMMM... WELL, THAT VIRUS ERASED IT ALL...
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, HE WAS SELECTED FOR THE MILITARY SPACE PROGRAM.
JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING AFTER THAT GOT ERASED.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SAFE EITHER!
OH, DEAR!

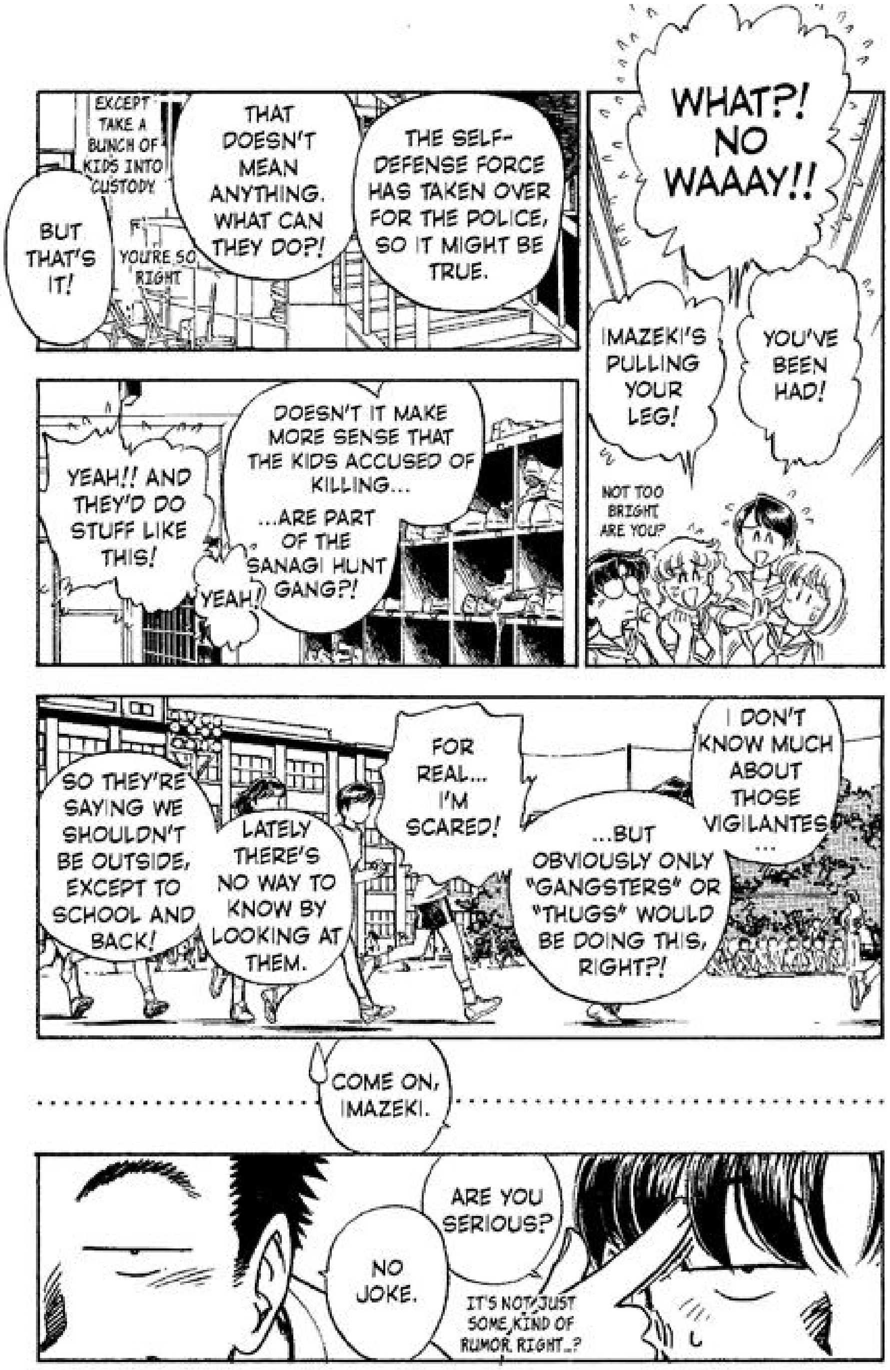
IT'S WEIRD, HE MADE IT SOUND REALLY URGENT.
HE KNOWS I'M ABOUT TO START SCHOOL.
CHOMP
HE ALSO SAID THE THREE OF US SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER, OR SOMETHING...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU'RE COMING UP ON YOUR LAST SEMESTER, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. A NEW TERM...
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A HIGH SCHOOL?
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU REALLY WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?
...
OH, LET IT GO, DEAR. THINGS ARE DIFFERENT FOR KIDS NOWADAYS.
ANYWAY, INSTEAD OF JOINING THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE, LIKE NATSUMI...
...HOW ABOUT YOU GO AFTER A NICE, SAFE DESK JOB?!
HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES YOU IS FINE DEAR ...
THE PATH YOU CHOOSE SHOULD BE YOURS.
I'M OFF! SEE YA!
行ってきまーす
ガラガラ
SHOOM
HMMM, HE'S A GOOD KID, BUT STILL...

IORIIIIII! GOOD MORNIN'!
WHACK
GEEZ! MUST YOU, KUMI-POO?!
OWW, DO YOU HAVE TO DO THAT EVERY MORNING?!
YES, I MUST!
AND I TOLD YOU, NOT TO CALL ME THAT ANYMORE!
DEAL WITH IT, KUMI-POO! I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU KUMI-POO YOUR WHOLE LIFE.
SHUT IT, FREAK! WE'RE NOT IN PRE-SCHOOL, ANYMORE.
SEE! JUST LOOK AT THESE SHAPELY LEGS.
DON'T YOU KNOW WE'RE GONNA GRADUATE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?
EVERYONE ELSE IN OUR CLASS HAS SUBMITTED THEIR SCHOOL CHOICES ALREADY.
HM?
TURN YOURS IN YET?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!

NOW THEY'RE CALLED "FLIGHT ATTENDANTS," AREN'T THEY?

COME AGAIN?!
ARE YOU SAYING THIS GIRL'S TOO ROUGH?!
NO, I MEAN...
YOU HAVE A GENTLE SIDE, BUT...
WHO KNOWS IF I'LL ACTUALLY DO IT OR NOT THOUGH...
YOU SAW IT RIGHT? THIS MORNING'S NEWS?!
OH...
YEAH...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US...
...WHEN WE TURN 15?


HEY, HEY. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S KILLING?
THEY SAY SOME FRESHMAN TOOK A KNIFE AND KILLED HIS WHOLE FAMILY.
SAME THING, RIGHT? IT'S HAPPENED EIGHT TIMES SINCE APRIL.
I OVER-HEARD SOMETHING FROM IMAZEKI IN CLASS 3.
YOU KNOW HIS DAD IS THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF POLICE, RIGHT? HE SAYS THERE'S MORE TO IT.
NO WAY! WHAT WAS HE THINKING?!
SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENED! SECRET INFORMATION THAT THEY CAN'T EVEN TELL THE MEDIA.
FOR REAL?!
WHAT?! WHAT IS IT?! TELL ME, TELL ME!
REAALLY!!
CHATTER CHATTER
ACTUALLY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I BELIEVE IT...


WHAT?! NO WAAAY!!
YOU'VE BEEN HAD!
IMAZEKI'S PULLING YOUR LEG!
NOT TOO BRIGHT, ARE YOU?
THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE HAS TAKEN OVER FOR THE POLICE, SO IT MIGHT BE TRUE.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. WHAT CAN THEY DO?!
EXCEPT TAKE A BUNCH OF KIDS INTO CUSTODY.
YOU'RE SO RIGHT
BUT THAT'S IT!
DOESN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE THAT THE KIDS ACCUSED OF KILLING...
...ARE PART OF THE SANAGI HUNT GANG?!
YEAH!
YEAH!! AND THEY'D DO STUFF LIKE THIS!
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THOSE VIGILANTES...
...BUT OBVIOUSLY ONLY "GANGSTERS" OR "THUGS" WOULD BE DOING THIS, RIGHT?!
FOR REAL... I'M SCARED!
LATELY THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW BY LOOKING AT THEM.
SO THEY'RE SAYING WE SHOULDN'T BE OUTSIDE, EXCEPT TO SCHOOL AND BACK!
COME ON, IMAZEKI.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
IT'S NOT JUST SOME KIND OF RUMOR, RIGHT...?
NO JOKE.

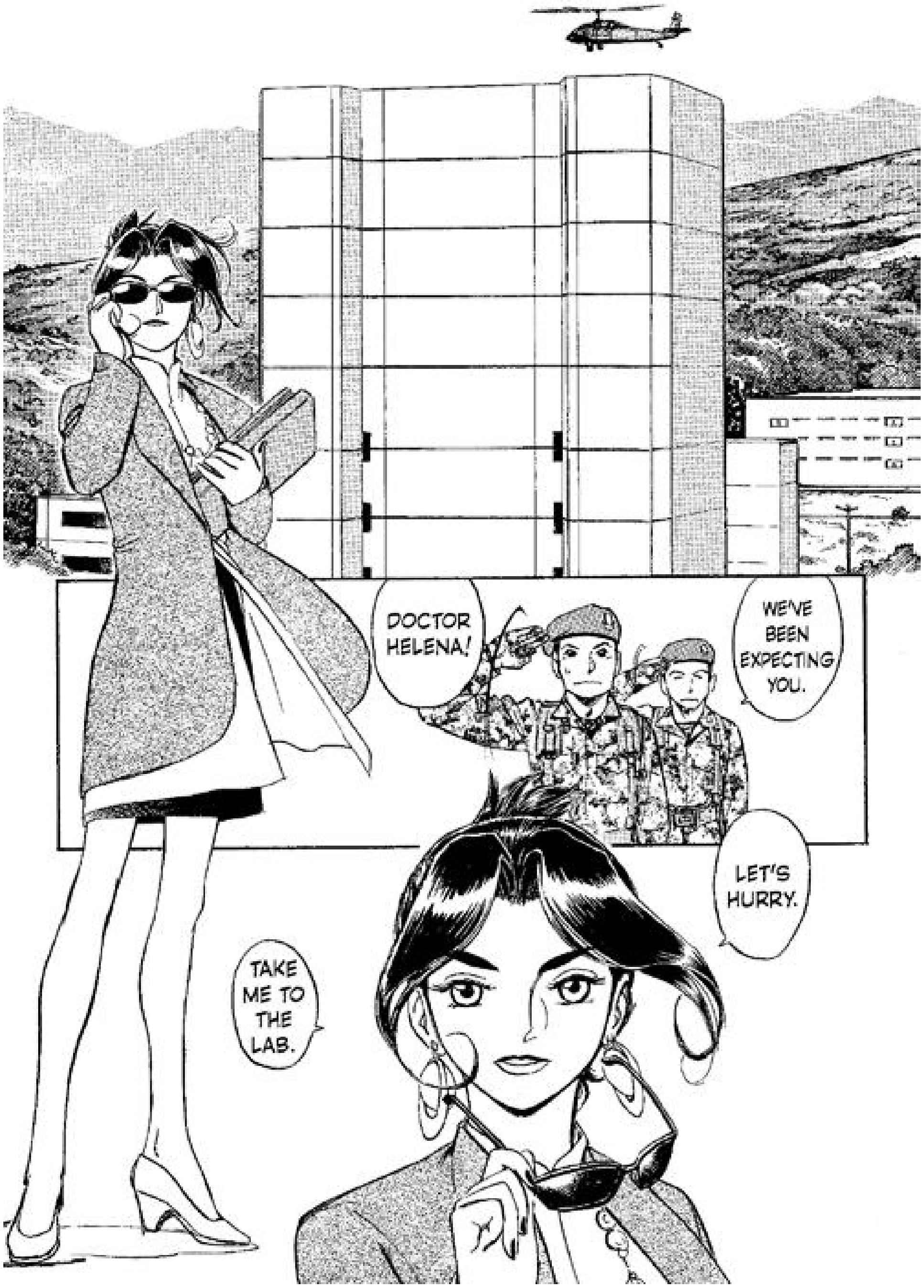
I MEAN...
I WAS SPYING ON MY DAD ON THE PHONE... IT'S TOTALLY TRUE!
WHAT MY DAD SAID WAS...
"WHAT?! ANOTHER MONSTER?!"
SERIOUSLY.
IF "ANOTHER MONSTER" IS REFERRING TO THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT...
...THEN THAT PROBABLY MEANS THAT THE PREVIOUS SEVEN WERE ALSO...
THOSE KIDS TURNED INTO MONSTERS AND KILLED EVERYONE?!
WELL, HOW ABOUT THOSE GANG MEMBERS?
WHY DO YOU THINK A GANG TARGETING US FRESHMEN CALLS THEMSELVES, "SANAGI HUNTERS"?
NO IDEA.
THEY'RE SAYING ALL 15 YEAR-OLDS ARE...
...LARVAE WAITING TO HATCH INTO MONSTERS!!
WHA-?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

FWOOMP
DON'T LISTEN, IORI!
AH!
IMAZEKI'S BEEN PLAYING TOO MUCH *RESIDENT EVIL* AND HE'S FINALLY SNAPPED.
OW OW OW OW OW!
HMPH!
KIKUCHI DOESN'T BELIEVE ME EITHER, HUH?
FWEEEE
NEXT! NUMBER 23, IORI TAKAGAWA!
OH, THAT'S ME.
YOU'RE SAYING I'M MAKING THIS UP THEN? HUH?
YES, YOU'RE MAKING IT UP! GEEZ... AND GIMME BACK MY GAME!
CHRK
SIGH
COULD WE BE...
... MONSTER LARVAE?
"WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US...
...WHEN WE TURN 15?"
FWEET
ALL RIGHT! BRING IT!
READY!

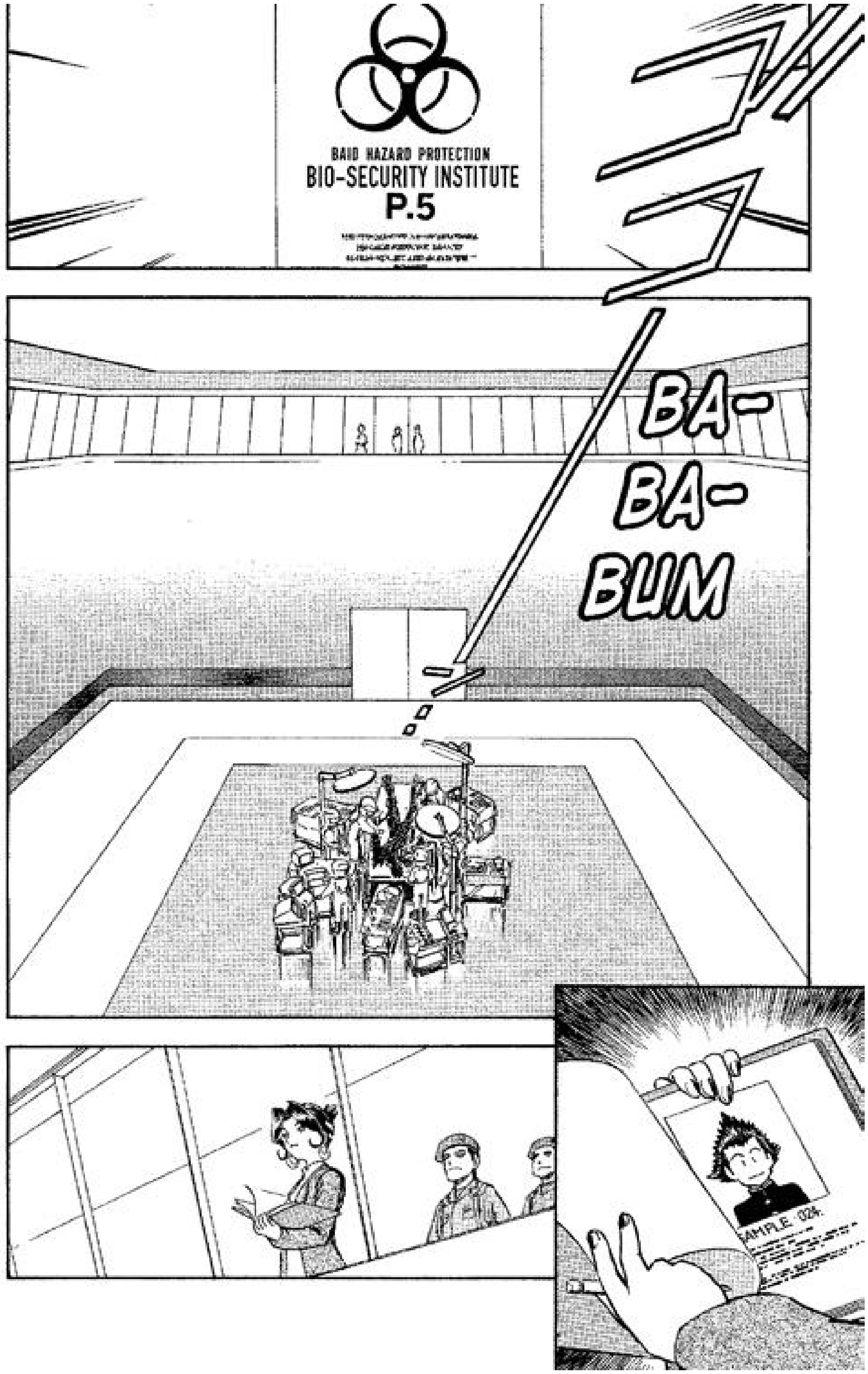
I HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN...
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY CONNECTION.
SHOO...
IF SO, THEN...
I'M ALSO...
TH-THUMP
AWAKEN!
POM!

BAM!!!!!!

パタ
パタ
FWOOH
FWOOH
パタ
パタ
パタ
FWOOH
パタ
SHYAH
SHYAH
SWEEEEK.
TUMP
KA-CHUNK
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
ZYU
KLAK



DOCTOR HELENA!
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
LET'S HURRY.
TAKE ME TO THE LAB.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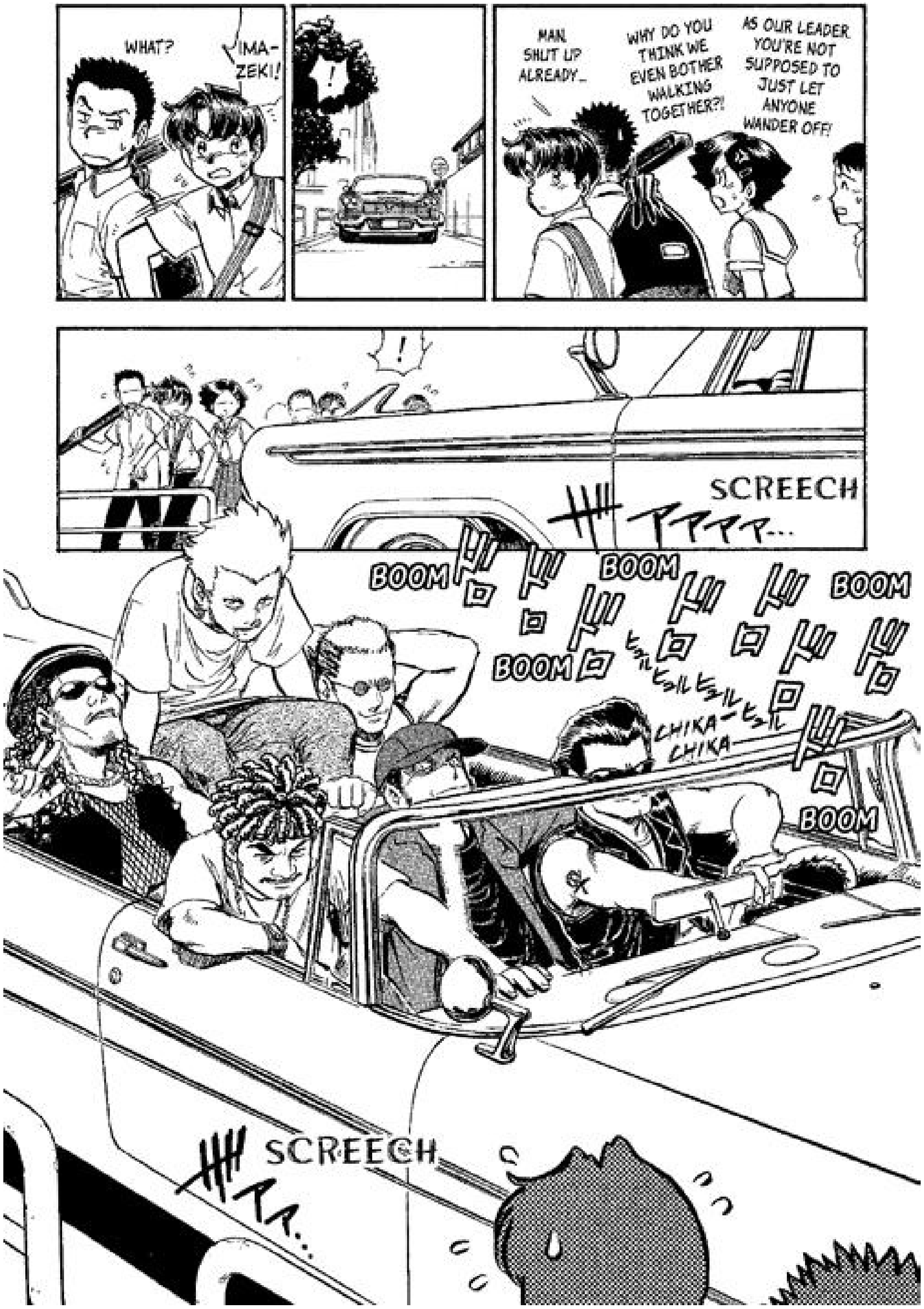
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD TO USE A GRENADE TO STOP HIM.
THIS IS THE SIXTH SUBJECT ALREADY.
ANOTHER VALUABLE SPECIMEN RUINED.
WELL, UM...
BECAUSE OF YOUR MISCALCULATION, WE FIRED MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE TRANQUILIZERS!
AND WE'VE ALREADY LOST THIRTEEN OF OUR SPECIALLY SELECTED TEAM OPERATIVES!
HMPH.
YOU UNDERESTIMATED THE DOSAGE OF ANESTHESIA WE WOULD NEED...
... DOCTOR HELENA.
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE THE EXPERT HERE?
STOMP

YOU MUST BE CAPTAIN NOGAMI?
ENTERING A FACILITY IN YOUR STATE WILL CONTAMINATE OUR RESEARCH.
IF YOU WANT US TO OBTAIN DECENT SPECIMENS WITH THE CADUCEUS VIRUS...
...YOU NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TEAM.
HEH. SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM THE FIELD.
BUT IN ANY CASE...
LET'S AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER.
IORI?
YOU PASSED OUT IN P.E.?
REALLY...?

C'MON -
I WAS JUST SURPRISED A BIT
YOU LOOK PALE.
THAT SHOCK MUST'VE SET OFF YOUR ANEMIA.
YEP
AND CRAZY TIMING, THAT YOU COULD MAKE THAT BALL BURST LIKE THAT!
THAT BALL MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY OLD.
AH, DUDE, WE WERE FREAKED OUT BY IT, TOO.
THAT WAS SO CRAZY WHEN HE FAINTED!
ENOUGH, I'M FINE.
OH. OK.
THAT WAS... I JUST...
MAN ...
...I HATE HAVING TO WALK EVERY-BODY HOME IN A GROUP LIKE THIS!
I HEAR YA.
AL-THOUGH, IMA-ZEKI...
I'LL SEE YOU... GONNA STOP BY THE VIDEO STORE.
OH, YEAH? FULL FRONTAL?
ALL RIGHT!
HEY! KIKUCHI!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE WALKING ALONE!
LIGHTEN UP. LET HIM GO...
WHERE'S HE GOING?
SKITTER
YOU THINK THE VIGILANTE GANGS WON'T BE OUT TODAY?!
I'M NOT SAYING THAT...


AS OUR LEADER, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO JUST LET ANYONE WANDER OFF!
WHY DO YOU THINK WE EVEN BOTHER WALKING TOGETHER?!
MAN, SHUT UP ALREADY...
!
IMA-ZEKI!
WHAT?
!
SCREECH
アアアア…
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
CHIKA-CHIKA
BOOM
SCREECH

VROOOM!!
SCREEEK...
RROMMM
ERRT!
UGH!
SCREECH
THOSE GUYS... THEY'RE GOING AFTER KIKUCHI!
IORI! LET'S ROLL!
COUGH
COUGH
WHO, ME?
GRRRR..
YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THEM POUNDING YOUR FRIEND?!
AREN'T WE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR LOWER CLASSMEN?!
BUT I DON'T WANNA FIGHT THEM TOO!
UMM..
ALL RIGHT
W-WAIT A SECOND!!
YANK!!

THUMP!
KUMI-POO! TAKE CARE OF MY BAG!
AND CALL THE POLICE, WILL YA?
IORI!
IMA-ZEKI!
AH...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
YEAH!!
AAH!
AAH!
AAH!
WAAAH!!
HEY! HEY!!
VROOOM!

1, 2...
...3!
SHOO
HIYAH!!
THACK!!
SCRAPE...
WHUMP!!
Hrrrm
TUH
TUH
TUH

HA HAH!!
YO!!
HE ISN'T TURNING INTO ONE! KID'S THESE DAYS...
HEH HEH HEH!!
EH?
IF WE LET YOU GO, YOU'LL PROBABLY TURN INTO ONE OF THOSE CREATURES.
AND WHEN YOU TURN INTO SOME BEAST, I BET YOU'LL TURN ON US AND EAT US ALIVE, WON'T YOU?!
CRUNCH
HYAHAHA!
YOU FREAKS HAVE ALREADY KILLED...
...FORTY PEOPLE.
YOU'RE ALL VERMIN! AND THE VERMIN OF SOCIETY ARE BETTER OFF CRUSHED BENEATH OUR FEET!
THE CITY WON'T BE SAFE UNLESS WE PROTECT IT.
TELL HIM, MAN!
WHO'S VERMIN?! WHO?! I'LL SHOW YOU VERMIN!!
WWOOOOAAAAHH

ありゃあ!!
KI-YAH!!
KA-SHAK!!
WHUMP
I... IMA-ZEKI?
PUNK
!!
HEH! SO THIS IS WHERE YOU RAN OFF TO?
THIS IS A SENIOR'S DUTY!
I... IMA ZEKI?
WHACK
KRAK!
!!
WELL, WELL. LOOKS LIKE WE FOUND ANOTHER 15 YEAR-OLD, BOYS.
PTOOH!

KA-CHIK
ONE MORE SANAGI, ONE MORE LARVA TO EXTERMINATE!
CLANK
YOU PIECE OF-!!
YA-HAH!!
OH, ARE YOU TRYING TO HIT ME?
COME HERE, YOU LITTLE RUNT!
ひょーい
CREAK
ひょーい
CREAK
KIKU-CHI!
IOR-
SHH!
CAN YOU GET UP? WE'RE GON-NA MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!
BAM
BAM
SMACK
UGH!
JUST HOLD ON TO ME!
MY... MY STOMACH!

AH!
UNGH
UGH!
AHH!
QUICK! THROUGH THE ALLEY!
YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' AWAY!
NOW, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
SHYA
ERK
WE MADE IT!
ARGH I'M COMING FOR YOU BOY!
SLAM!!
FWOOSH
VROOM
SKREEEE!!
LET'S CUT 'EM OFF!
WAIT. THAT ALLEY IS ONE WAY.

HEH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HNGH
ALL THAT TROUBLE AND NOW WE'RE STUCK PLAYING WITH THE DECOY.
DORORORO...
KIKUCHI...
IORI...
GET FAR AWAY FROM HERE!
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
HUFF
HUFF
JUST A LITTLE FARTHER.
A BIT FARTHER AND WE'LL BE OUTTA HERE.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BAM
UGH!
SORRY.
KIKUCHI... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WH-WHY?
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!
HUFF

15 YEARS OF LIVING A NORMAL LIFE, AND NOW THIS?
WE'RE 15, YEAH?
WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS?
WHAT DO THEY MEAN "LARVA"?
ARE WE REALLY GONNA TURN INTO MONSTERS THEN?
WAS THAT... A BAD DREAM...?
I...
EACH TIME A NEW 15 YEAR-OLD MURDERER CASE IS REPORTED...
I...
... ALWAYS HAVE THE...
... SAME DREAM!!
KIKUCHI?!
I SAW IT AGAIN TODAY!
INSIDE THE ICE...
A GIRL WAS...
KIKUCHI?! KIKUCHI!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
AND IN THAT DREAM, I ALSO...
FOUUUUND... YOU. ♡

FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU GUYS...
SORRY FOR THE DELAY...
DON'T GO CAUSING TROUBLE!
SHIING
UGGH...
IO...
RI...
RUN...
DAMN!
YOU LARVAE JUST STAY PUT...
HUH?
PISHH
RUN
JI
JI
RIPP
RUN!
AHH-
GRRGH...
JI
WHA-?
DOM!

CHIIG
CHIIG
CHIIG
CHIIG
DOOOM

EEEK!!
WHAT THE—?!
GRYAA!!
SNASH
BASH
PISHH
SMACK!!
BAM
GRRRM
SNASH
BOOM BAM
!!

BOOOOSHH
GUOOO...
GRAAL!!
WHOOSH...
KIKU...
CHI...

MMM!
LICK
YUM! JUST HOW IORI LIKES IT! ♡
BUBBL BRBL
SWIIISHH...
BAM

PUCK
GRAAA
RAWRRR!!
Aaah, Is this...
GURG
...the end...?
UGAA!!
SMASH
Still... If you're going to do it, finish it in one blow...
It hurts so baaad...!

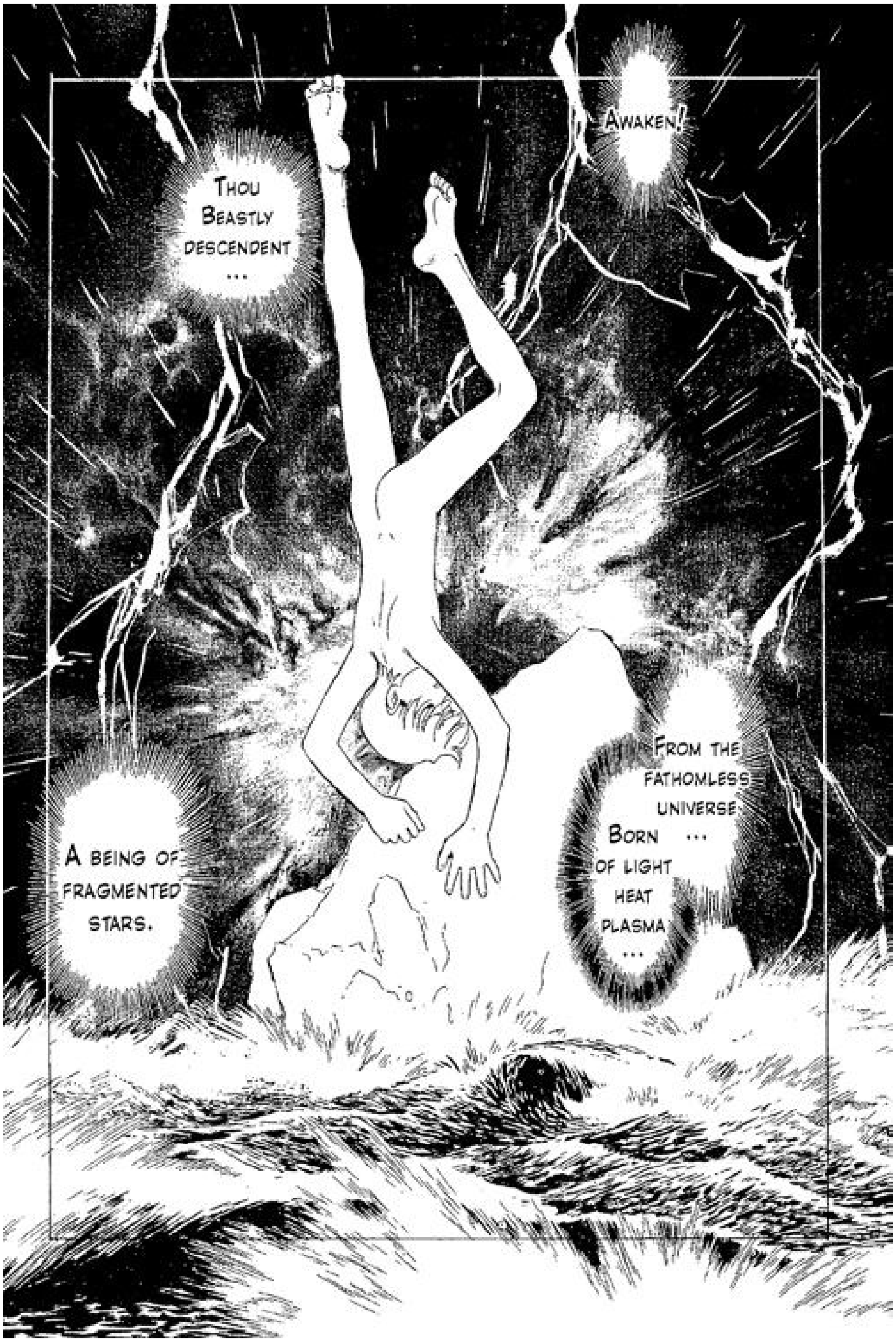
GRUAAA
No!!
Save me!
No!!
Huh?!
Save me!
Iori!!
I can't return to normal!
But I know...
You have the power to stop me!
Save me!
SQUEEESHH
JRRH
CRUSH
Save me!!
IORI!!

Impossible!
There's no way anyone...
Awaken!
FLASH
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
Thou beastly descendent...
RIP RIP...
JI JI JI
From the fathomless universe ...
SHRIK
Born of light heat plasma ...

A BEING OF FRAGMENTED STARS.

Borro
Borroooooo
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
KIKU-CHI...
IORI... !
DOOO...
DOOO...

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THIS...
THIS IS INCRED-IBLE!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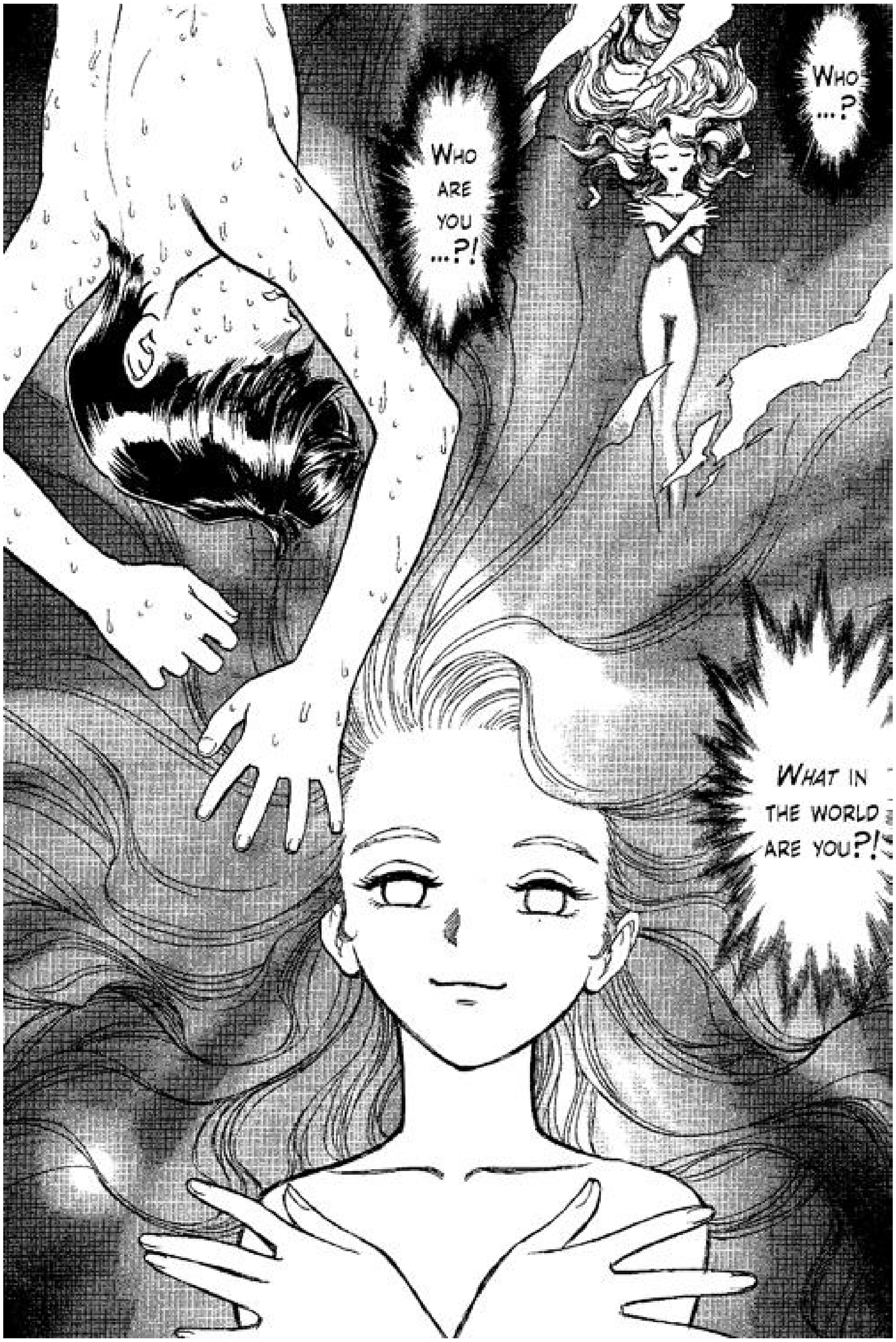
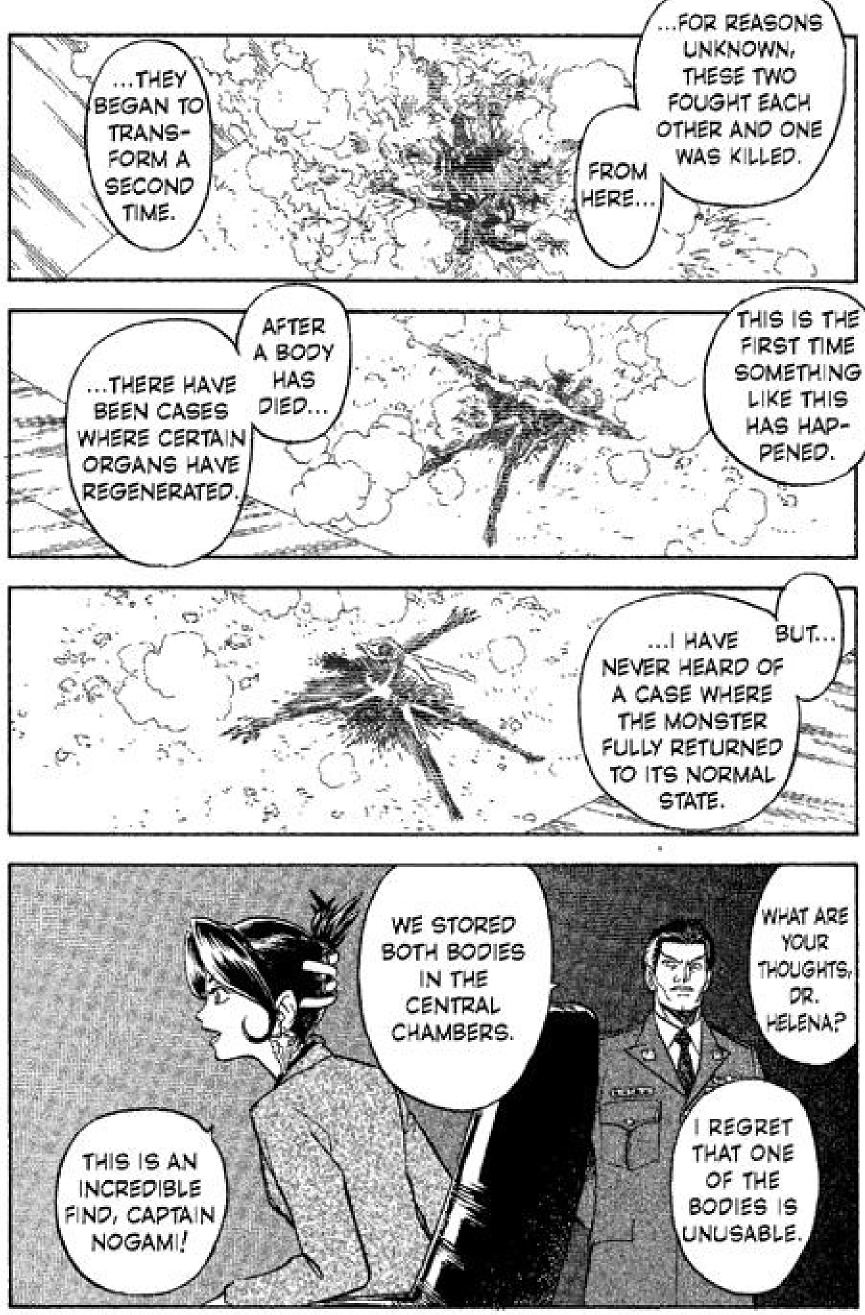

Who ...?
Who are you ...?!
What in the world are you?!

Act 2
Sara

CLICK!!
THESE ARE THE IMAGES TAKEN FROM THE HELICOPTER...
IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THESE TWO HAVE TRANSFORMED FROM THE BEGINNING.
BUT, THE POINT IS, FROM HERE...


...FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, THESE TWO FOUGHT EACH OTHER AND ONE WAS KILLED.
FROM HERE...
...THEY BEGAN TO TRANS-FORM A SECOND TIME.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS HAP-PENED.
AFTER A BODY HAS DIED...
...THERE HAVE BEEN CASES WHERE CERTAIN ORGANS HAVE REGENERATED.
BUT...
...I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF A CASE WHERE THE MONSTER FULLY RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL STATE.
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, DR. HELENA?
WE STORED BOTH BODIES IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS.
I REGRET THAT ONE OF THE BODIES IS UNUSABLE.
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE FIND, CAPTAIN NOGAMI!

...WITH THE FBT, WE CAN USE IT TO STRENGTHEN SOLDIERS...
WE NOW HAVE HOPE OF USING THIS CADUCEUS VIRUS.
WITH THIS, WE HAVE PROOF THAT THE FBT CAN BE REVERSIBLE.
WHICH IS, I BET, WHAT *YOU* WERE ALL THINKING, ISN'T IT?
USING IT?
FOR EXAMPLE ...
ANYWAY, THIS CHANGE TO THE SECOND PHASE HAS BEEN UN-KNOWN UNTIL NOW.
IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE FUNCTION OF THE CADUCEUS VIRUS ON THE HUMAN BODY ...
...WE MUST RETRACE THIS PROCESS.
LET'S MOVE INTO...
...THE INSECT CAGE.

SAMPLE NUMBER 026, IORI TAKIZAWA.
AS IN A NUMBER OF OTHER SIMILAR CASES...
...IT'S LIKELY THAT THE CADUCEUS VIRUS HAS BEEN DORMANT IN THE SAMPLE'S BODY.
RESISTANCE TO THE ANTIBODY—NEGATIVE.
NEITHER CT, NOR MRI SCANS SHOW ANY SIGNS OF ABNORMALITY.
WE'VE FINALLY FOUND...
...THE ULTIMATE...
...GUILSTEIN!

Iori...
Help me!
Iori!!
Stop...
Ugh...
Gaa...
Mmn...
You have to stop me!!
Graaaa!!
わあああ
Slashh!!
Slashh!!

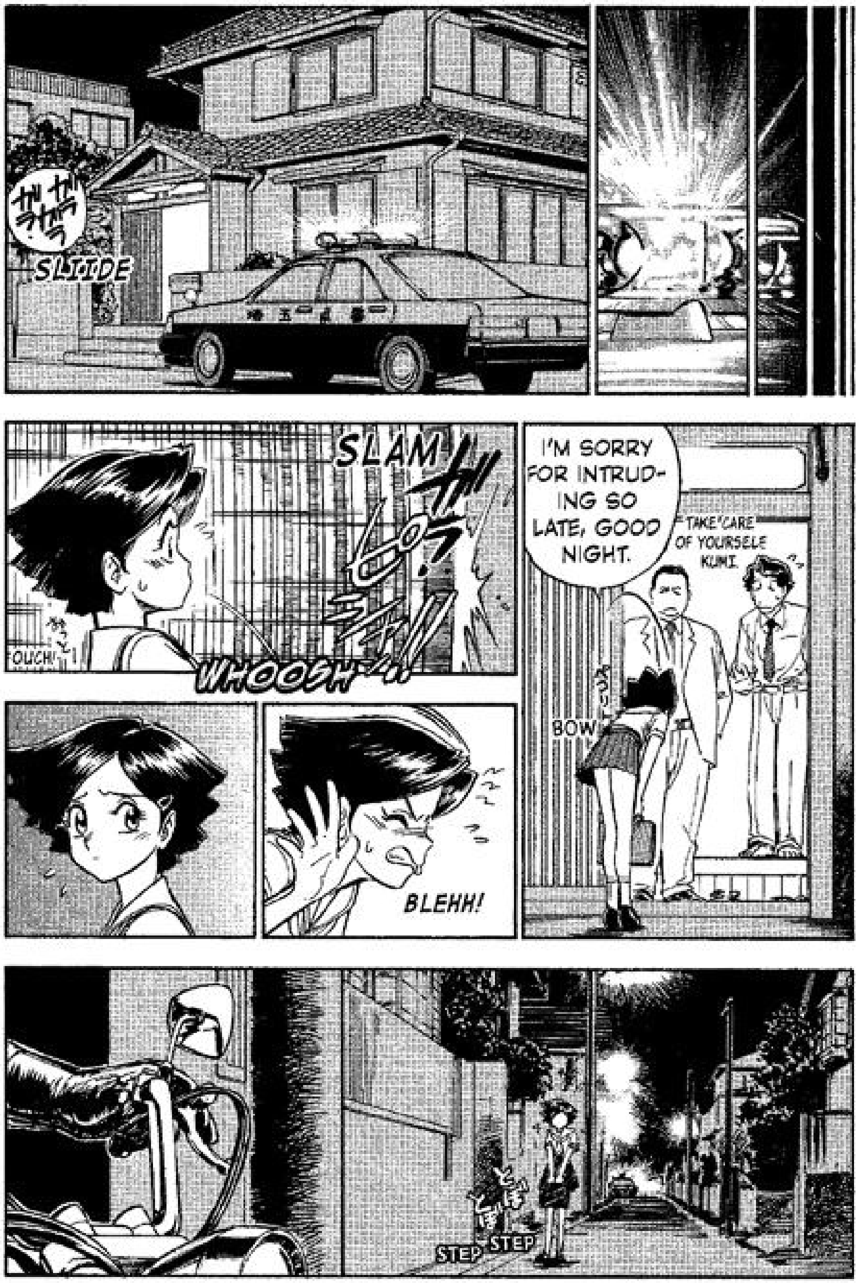
はぁ HAA...
は HAA...
はぁ
カタカタ HAA HAA
カタ HAA HAA
カタカタ
は HAA HAA...
HUFF は
HUFF は
HUFF は
HUFF は
HUFF
HUFF は
HUFF
I'm...
I'm back to myself...?

A dream?
Is this a hospital?
Where... am I?
!
Wha-? What is this device?
SHAK
SHAK
SHAK
SHAK
CHHK!
CREAK
How come there's no one here?
Am I in a hospital, in a dream?

Kikuchi is...
I...

BAMM!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
I...
WITH MY OWN HANDS...
JIJI
CLIK
TREMBLE

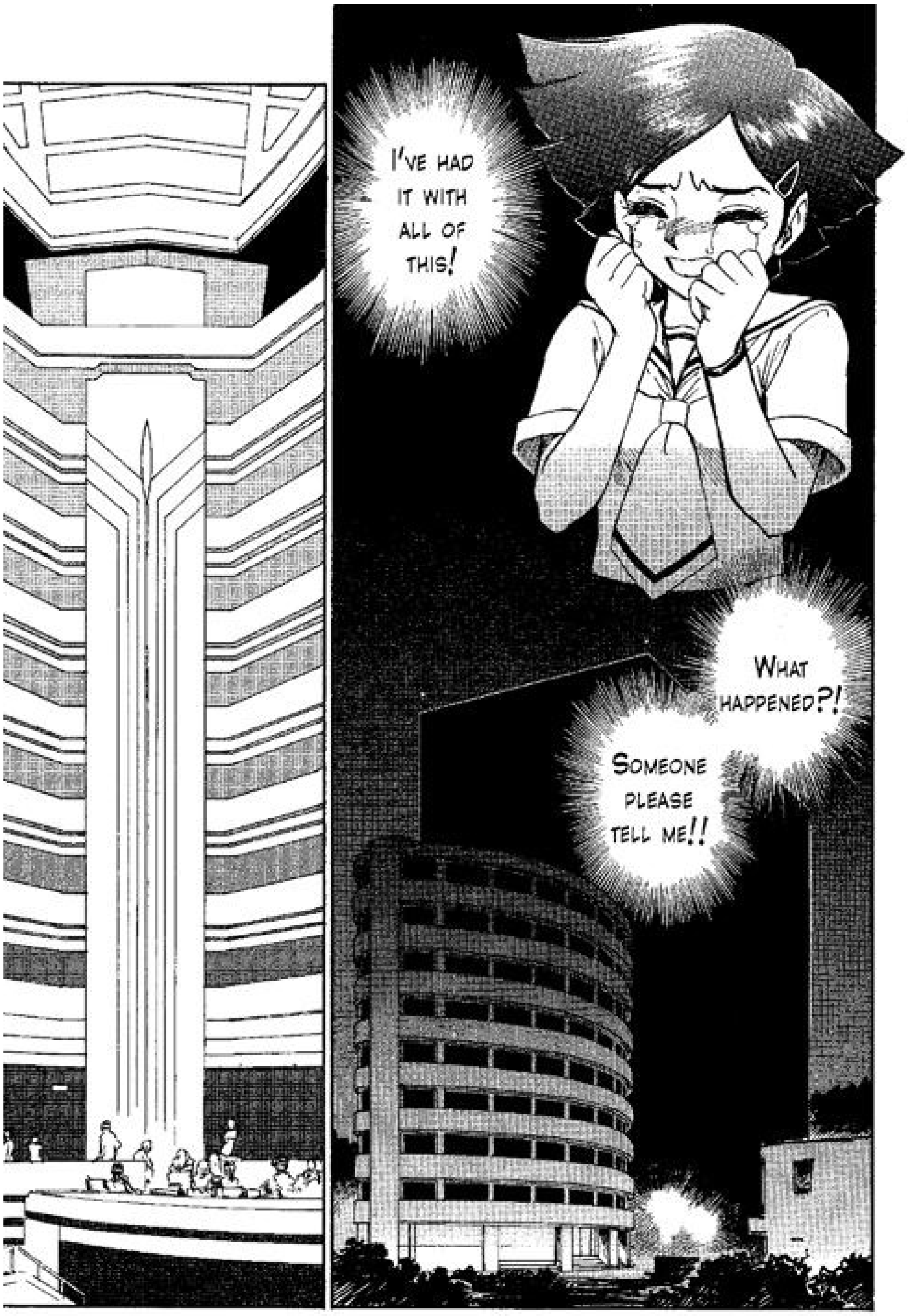
UAAAAA!
UAAAAAA!
OW!!
OW!!
OW!!
UWAAAAA
UWAAAAAA
AAAA
AAAAA.

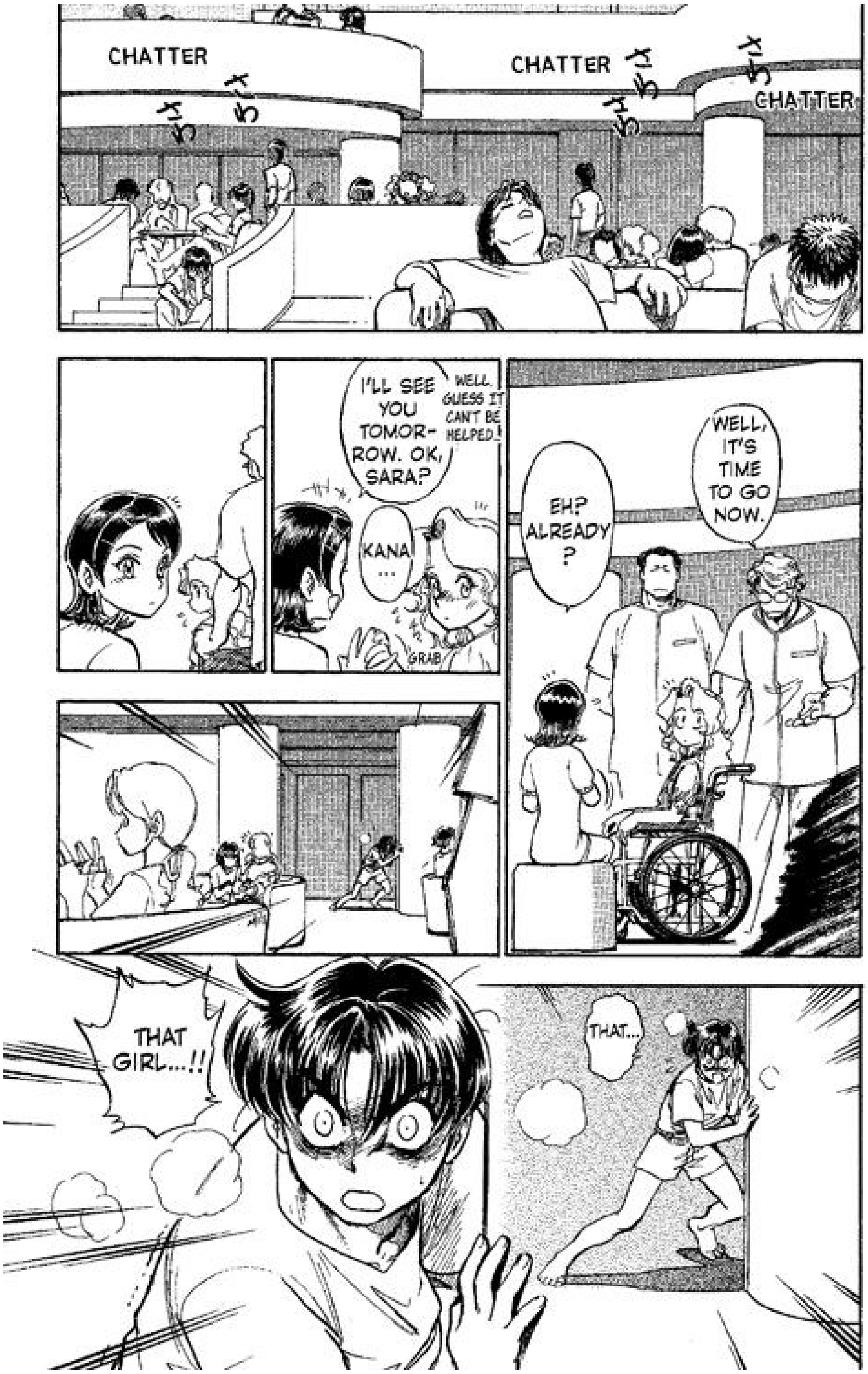

SLIIIDE
I'M SORRY FOR INTRUDING SO LATE, GOOD NIGHT.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF KUMI.
BOW
SLAM
WHOOSH
OUCH!
BLEHH!
STEP STEP

'SUP?
KUMI-POO!
!
WHAT THE-?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IMASEKI?! YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A LICENSE!
AND THAT MOTORCYCLE! YOU'RE ONLY 15!
ACK, BESIDES THAT, YOU'RE OK, RIGHT?
AND IORI? KIKUCHI?
WHAT HAPPENED?
SHUSH, WILL YOU?! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
CAN'T YOU SEE THE COPS ALL AROUND?!
OOPS!
ANYWAY, HOW'S IT GOING AT IORI'S?
IS AUNTY DOING ALL RIGHT?

WELL...
...FOR NOW, UNCLE FINALLY MANAGED TO CALM HER DOWN A BIT, BUT...
EVEN THOUGH THE COPS CAME...
... KIKUCHI'S PARENTS ARE STILL...
HMPH. I BET YOU THOSE COPS ARE JUST THERE FOR THE LADIES...
HOW SAD...
IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT ...
SO YOU DO KNOW SOME-THING, DON'T YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, BY RIDING THAT BIKE AND CAR-RYING THOSE KATANAS?!
TELL ME IMASEKI!
PLEASE!!
JUST TELL EVERYONE THAT THOSE GUYS WILL BE OK.

DORURU
BOOM
PSSH
I'LL... ...DEFI- NITELY...
...SAVE THOSE GUYS!
B R R R O O O O O O O
AHH!
IMASEKI!
LEAVING ME IN THE DARK AGAIN...
EVEN IMASEKI...
I HATE IT...!!


I've had it with all of this!
What happened?!
Someone please tell me!!


CHATTER
CHATTER
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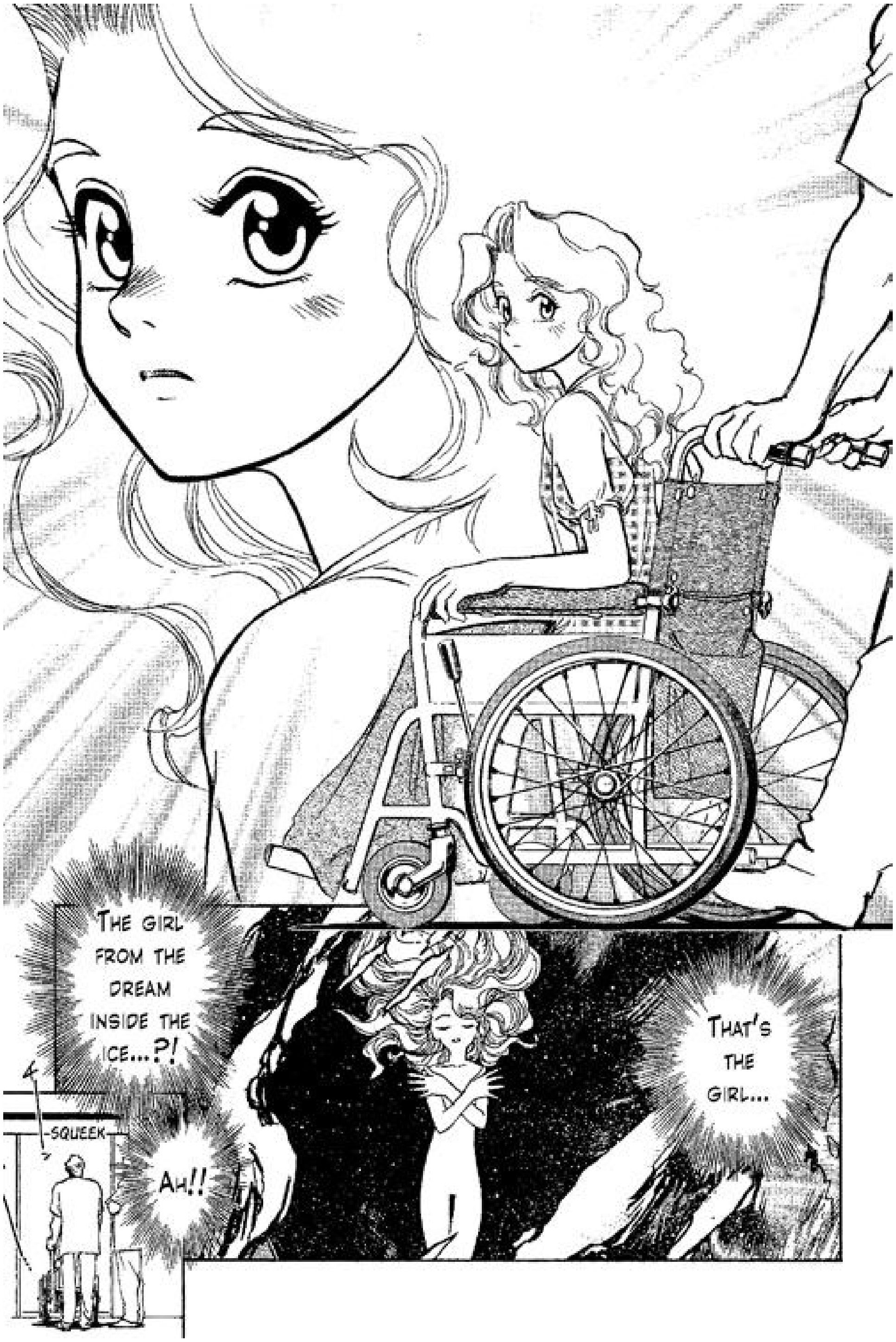
WELL, IT'S TIME TO GO NOW.
EH? ALREADY?
I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW. OK, SARA?
WELL. GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
KANA...
GRAB
THAT...
THAT GIRL...!!


That's the girl...
The girl from the dream inside the ice...?!
Ah!!
-squeek

GET OUT OF THE WAY!
WAH!
EH?
I...
I MUST GO AND ASK HER!
WHAT THE-?!
SUU
WHO ARE YOU ...?
A NEW KID?
SHUT UP! MOVE IT!
GRAB
SO, YOU MET HER, RIGHT?
WHISPER
IN THAT DREAM.

DOOON
DANG IT!! WHY DID YOU STOP ME?!
BE QUIET!!
AH!
WAIT!
LET GO OF ME YOU-!
LISTEN TO ME ALREADY!!
DANG IT!
GUUSH!
SQUEESH
!

PLEASE!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE YELLING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
YOU... YOU'RE...
YOU'RE ALSO ...?!
SUBJECT 026'S ADRENALINE READING HAS DROPPED.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'LL BE NO NEED FOR SEDATIVES.

THE ONE WHO PUT A STOP TO IT WAS SUBJECT 019.
KANA NANASE.
WELL, THAT'S THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOU.
SO, 026 ALSO HAD A CONNECTION WITH SARA?
THEY MUST HAVE SHARED MEMORIES THEN...
BROOOOOOOO...

Stupid old man...
Calm yourself, Kazuhiko.
This country will protect both Kazuhiko and Kikuchi.
BROOO...
Just leave it to the adults.
Protect?
Don't you mean "house-arrest"?!
Like those quarantine hospitals!

SLAM!
WHEESH
SINCE YOU'RE THE POLICE CHIEF...
THAT SORT OF THING...ISN'T IT TO SECLUDE US "SANAGI" ONLY TO ABANDON US IN THE REAL WORLD?
...I THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU FOR HELP, BUT I WAS STUPID TO DO SO!
WILL THIS DO, CHIEF?
UMM...
HMPH!
WELL, HE'S STILL JUST A KID...
HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY, STUPID OLD MAN!
WAIT FOR ME, KIKUCHI!
IORI!
I'M COMING!
BROO...
LOOK.

SEE?
MY SYMPTOMS HAVE REACHED FROM THE BACK AND THE SHOULDERS TO MY CHEST.
IT'S THE SAME AS YOUR LEFT HAND.
WELL, IT'S AL-READY APPEARED AROUND MY CHEST, BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
BECAUSE OF THAT I HAVE TO WEAR TWO SIZES BIGGER.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR LEFT HAND OUT.
I'LL BANDAGE IT FOR YOU
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY CONTINUE KEEPING YOUR HAND INSIDE, RIGHT?
YOU'LL STAND OUT.
YOU SEE, I ALSO ...
OH.
...DON'T KNOW WHEN THE MUTATION FROM MY CHEST WILL SPREAD...
...SO I'M ALWAYS PREPARED.
WATCH THOSE NAILS.
WRAP
WRAP
WRAP
FOR YOU TO COME HERE...
...MEANS EVERY-THING TO ME.

I'VE ALSO SEEN SARA INSIDE THE ICE MULTIPLE TIMES.
AND EACH TIME, I KEPT PRESSING HER FOR ANSWERS.
YOU ALSO THOUGHT THAT GIRL IS THE ONE FROM THE DREAM, RIGHT?
BUT YOU'RE WRONG.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE MEMORIES.
MEMO-RIES?
THE SARA FROM HERE, AND THE ONE FROM THE DREAM ARE DIFFERENT.
WELL, NOW WE'RE JUST GOOD FRIENDS.
I'M ALSO THE ONE WHO NAMED HER SARA.
TOMORROW, I'LL INTRO-DUCE HER TO YOU!
WELL, THAT'S ABOUT IT.
TCHT!
RIPP
STRIIP
ANYHOW, YOU KNOW OUR ILLNESS.
THEY CALL IT THE FBT SYNDROME.
TAKE THESE TWO ENDS, AND THEN TIE A KNOT.
THESE...?
WHIRL
AND SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS TO BE MADE CONTA-GIOUS BY THIS CADUCEUS VIRUS.
IT'S WHAT WE FOUND OUT AFTER WE CAME HERE.

AH, THANK YOU!
IORI TAKIKAWA ...
AH! A RIBBON...
MY NAME IS KANA NANASE.
AND YOURS?
OK. DONE!
I WAS FIRST BROUGHT HERE NOT KNOWING ANYTHING. NOW I'M OK WITH IT.
SO, HERE... IS THE CENTER FOR FINDING A TREATMENT FOR THE FBT DISEASE.
LOST... GARDEN?
IORI?
WELL, WELCOME TO LOST GARDEN!
...CALL THIS PLACE... THE "INSECT CAGE."
...THE ADULTS ...
BUT YOU KNOW...
YEAH.
THIS PLACE IS FOR THOSE WHO'VE LOST HOPE.

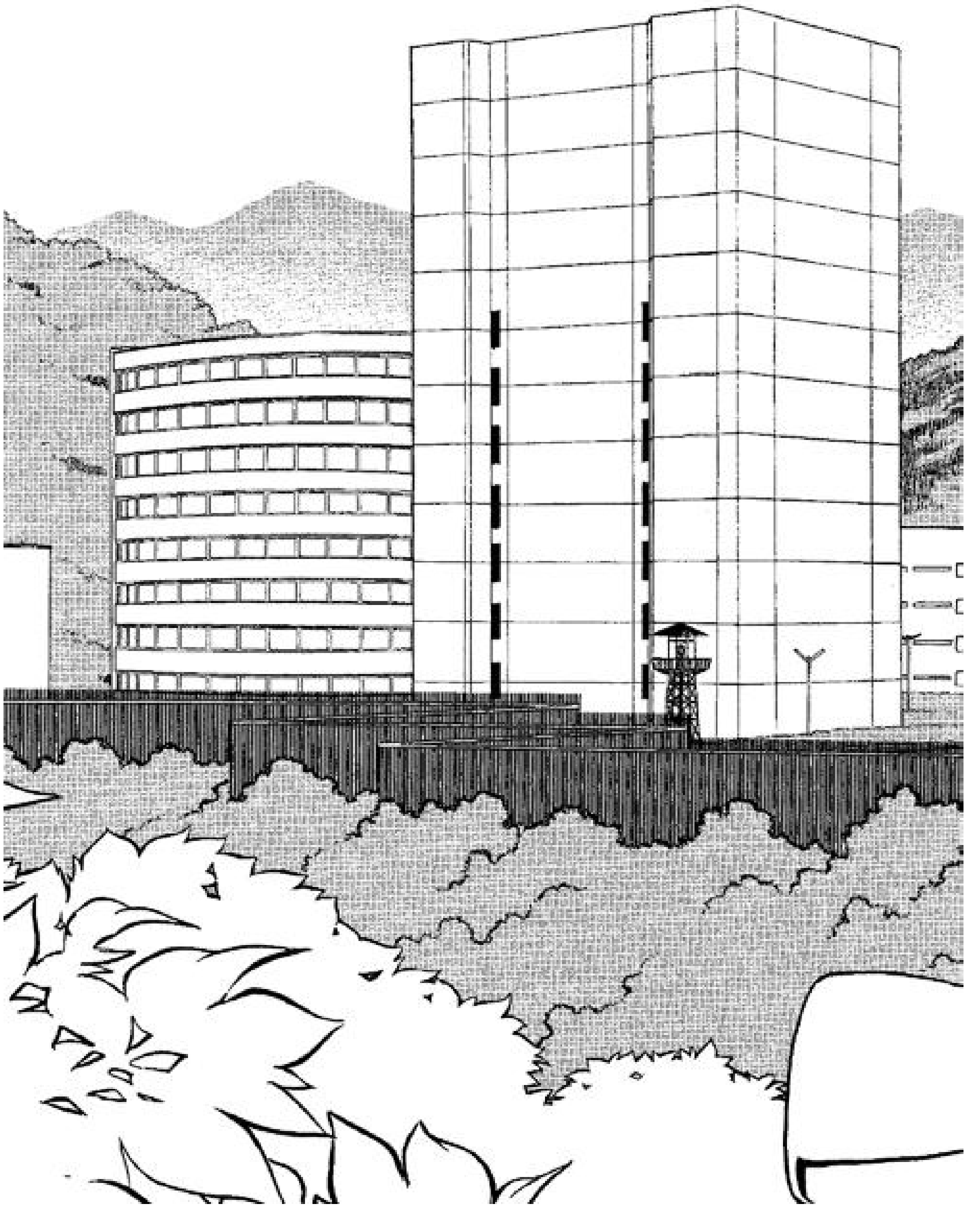
COULD IT BE THAT THIS PLACE ...?!
THEY BRING HERE ALL THOSE WHO TURN 15 WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING MONSTERS.
DO THEY JUST KEEP US HERE IN ORDER TO OBSERVE US?
!
MAYBE, THEY'RE WAITING FOR US...
...TO TURN INTO MONSTERS AND TO KILL EACH OTHER!!
WITH THIS MACHINE ...
...ARE THEY MONITORING OUR BEHAVIOR THROUGH THIS?!
SO IF WE MAKE TROUBLE ...
...THEY SEDATE US.
BUT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD AND PAINFUL...
...IF I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FINDING A TREATMENT...
IF IT CAN BE HEALED ...
IF I CAN RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL BODY, I'LL ENDURE ANYTHING!
I...!
BUT STILL ...!

I want to go back!
I want to return to my own body!!

ACT 3: ULTIMATE

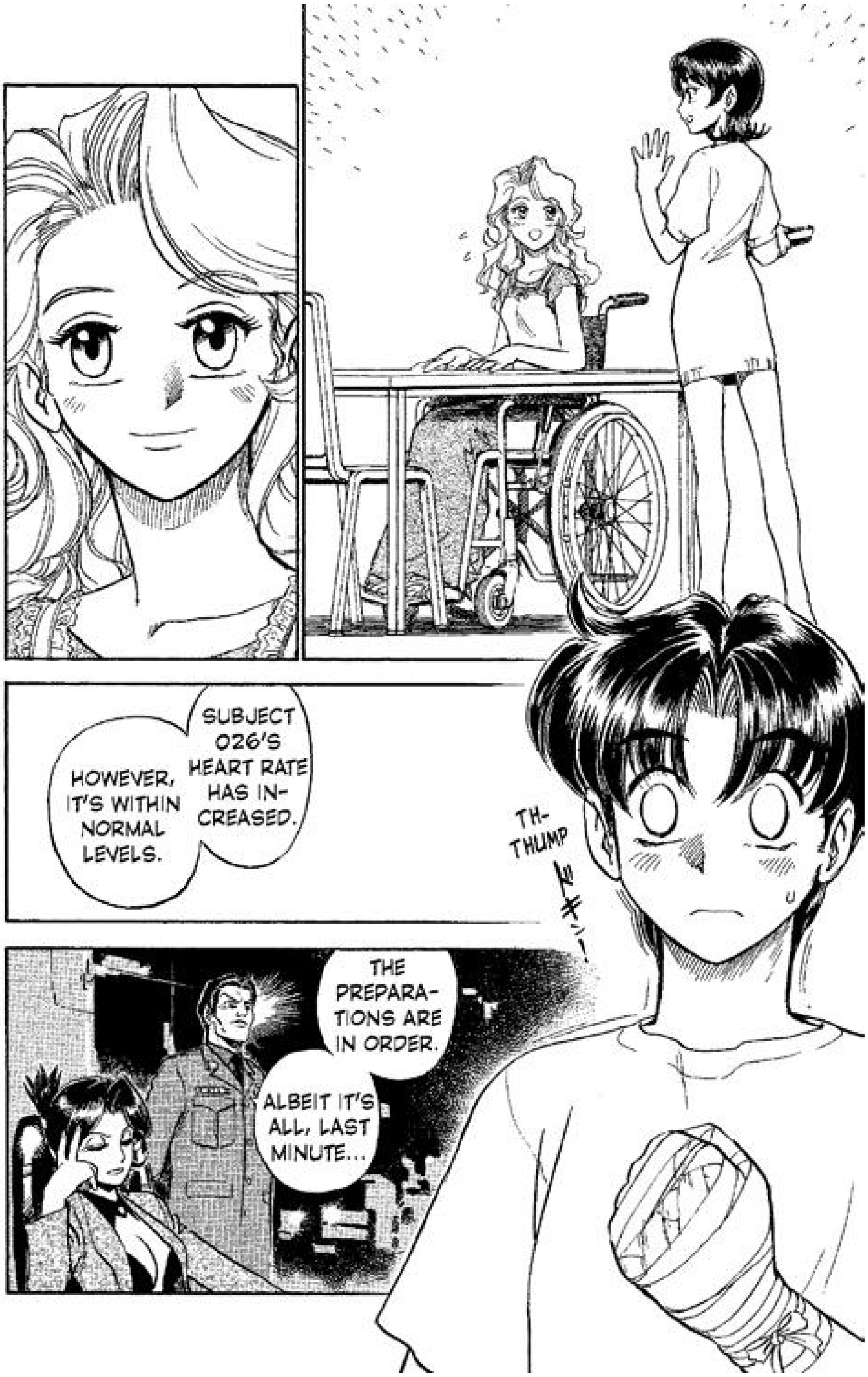
USED TO BE A HOTEL BACK BEFORE IT WENT BANKRUPT, BUT...
...YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT NOW.
THEY'RE IN THERE...
KIKUCHI...
IORI...

Act 3
Ultimate



SOMEONE FORCES ME TO SLEEP, AND THEN THEY ORDER ME TO GET UP.
UGH ...
WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THIS...?!
I TOLD YOU, IORI.
THEY SAY ANYONE WHO MIGHT MUTATE...
...IS KEPT HERE TO BE CURED.
WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST THEM.

EVERYONE HERE HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH THE CADUCEUS VIRUS IN SOME WAY...
...BUT THERE'S NO REAL PATTERN TO IT.
IT'S WEIRD. I SEE SARA IN MY DREAMS FROM TIME TO TIME.
SOMETHING BIGGER THAN US IS GOING ON.
WELL, EXCEPT THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALL 15.
THEY DON'T ALL HAVE SYMPTOMS LIKE YOU OR ME.
I MEAN, LOOK, THE SDF'S PROWLING THE PLACE...
...KEEPING AN EYE ON EVERYONE HERE, EVEN THE EMPLOY-EES.
OH, YEAH!
ABOUT MY PROMISE...
SARA'S OVER HERE.
I'LL IN-TRODUCE YOU.


SUBJECT 026'S HEART RATE HAS IN-CREASED.
HOWEVER, IT'S WITHIN NORMAL LEVELS.
TH-THUMP
THE PREPARA-TIONS ARE IN ORDER.
ALBEIT IT'S ALL, LAST MINUTE...

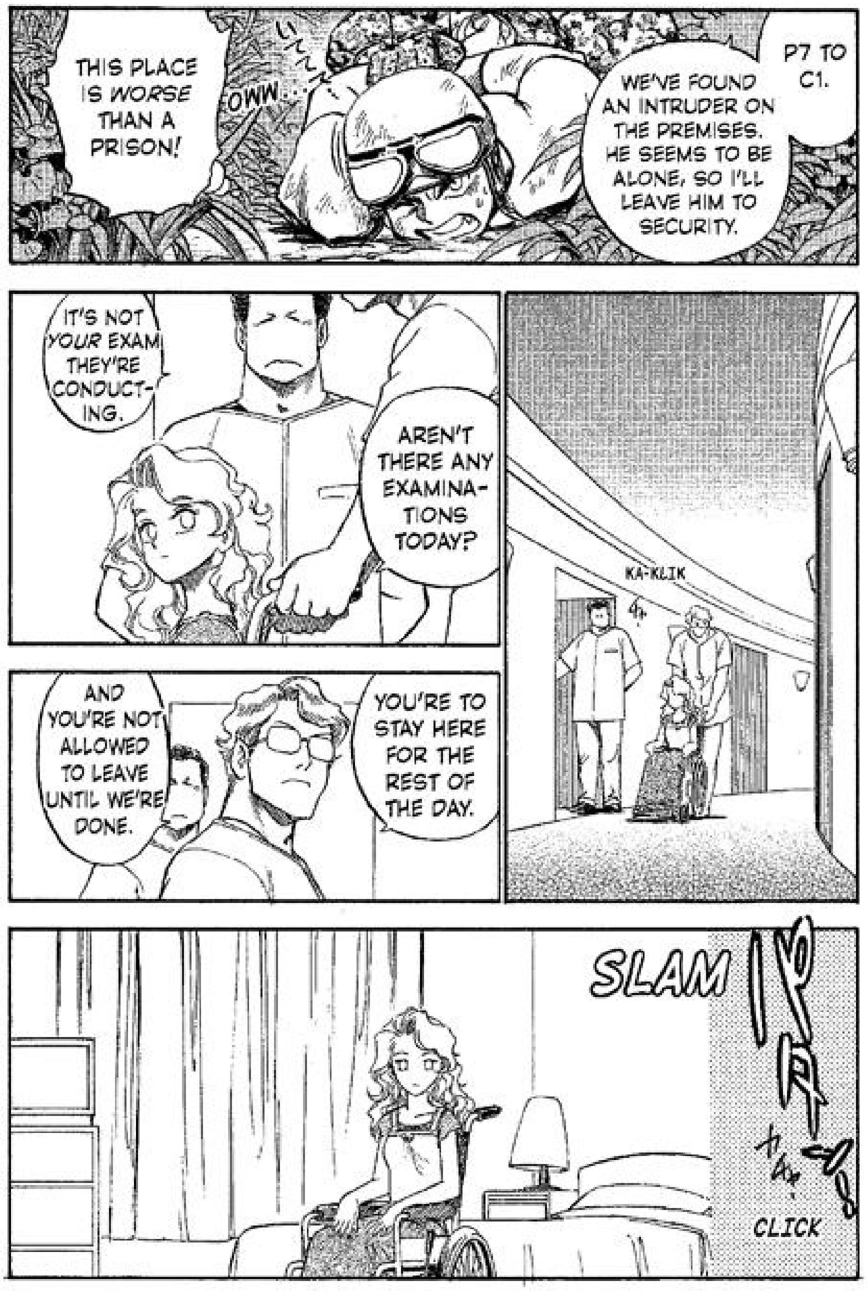
BUT I MUST ASK, DOCTOR...
ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
ABSO-LUTELY CERTAIN?
CLINK
IORI... TAKIZAWA...
YOU SAW ME, TOO...
IN YOUR DREAMS.
I'VE MET OTHERS WHO'VE EXPERIENCED THIS ALSO...
LIKE ME!
I APOLO-GIZE.
NOW YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAN'T REMEM-BER THE DREAM...
...NOR ANY-THING ABOUT MYSELF.
NEVER-THE-LESS...
TOUCH

YOU...
...WILL BE OK, IORI.
YOUR ABILITIES WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE.
I KNOW YOU WILL BE FINE.

NO TRESSPASSING
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
IT'S TIME, SARA.
WHAT? NOT YET...
IT'S A LITTLE BUSY TODAY. LET'S GO.
SHE NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING TO BE FINE?
SQUEEK
SQUEEK

HEY, IS SHE...
...THE SAME AS US?
A, YOU KNOW, "PATIENT"?
I DON'T KNOW.
HMPH! THIS AIN'T NO TRAIL...! I THINK I'M GOING IN CIRCLES!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SWAK!
KSSSH
KSSSH
WHACK!
STILL WAAAY TOO FAR.
GASP
GASP
I'M NEVER GONNA GET THERE.

RUSTLE
HM?
GRAB!!
SKSSSH!
MWOOSH
HEY! HE WAS USING THIS SWORD.
THE...
YOU'RE NO HIKER!
...SDF!


P7 TO C1.
WE'VE FOUND AN INTRUDER ON THE PREMISES. HE SEEMS TO BE ALONE, SO I'LL LEAVE HIM TO SECURITY.
OWW...
THIS PLACE IS *WORSE* THAN A PRISON!
KA-KLIK
AREN'T THERE ANY EXAMINATIONS TODAY?
IT'S NOT *YOUR* EXAM THEY'RE CONDUCTING.
YOU'RE TO STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
AND YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNTIL WE'RE DONE.
SLAM
CLICK

KANA AND IORI...
THEY HAVE THAT "SOME-THING"...
POSI-TIONING COM-PLETE.
BEEP
AREA CLEAR!
ALL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CENTER LOBBY.
RIGHT.
THIS IS IT... DR. HELENA.
COMMENCE, PLEASE.
HUH?
VROOOM

!!
CRASH
KA-SHAAA
WHAT THE-?!
SCREEEEECH

YO, YO, YO!
LISTEN UP, KIDDOS!!
YOU GUYS ARE ALL LARVAE!
KA-CHAK!!
KA-CHAK!
AND WE'RE HERE TO EXTERMI-NATE YA!
AH!
NO!
BAM!!
THE HUNT IS ON!!

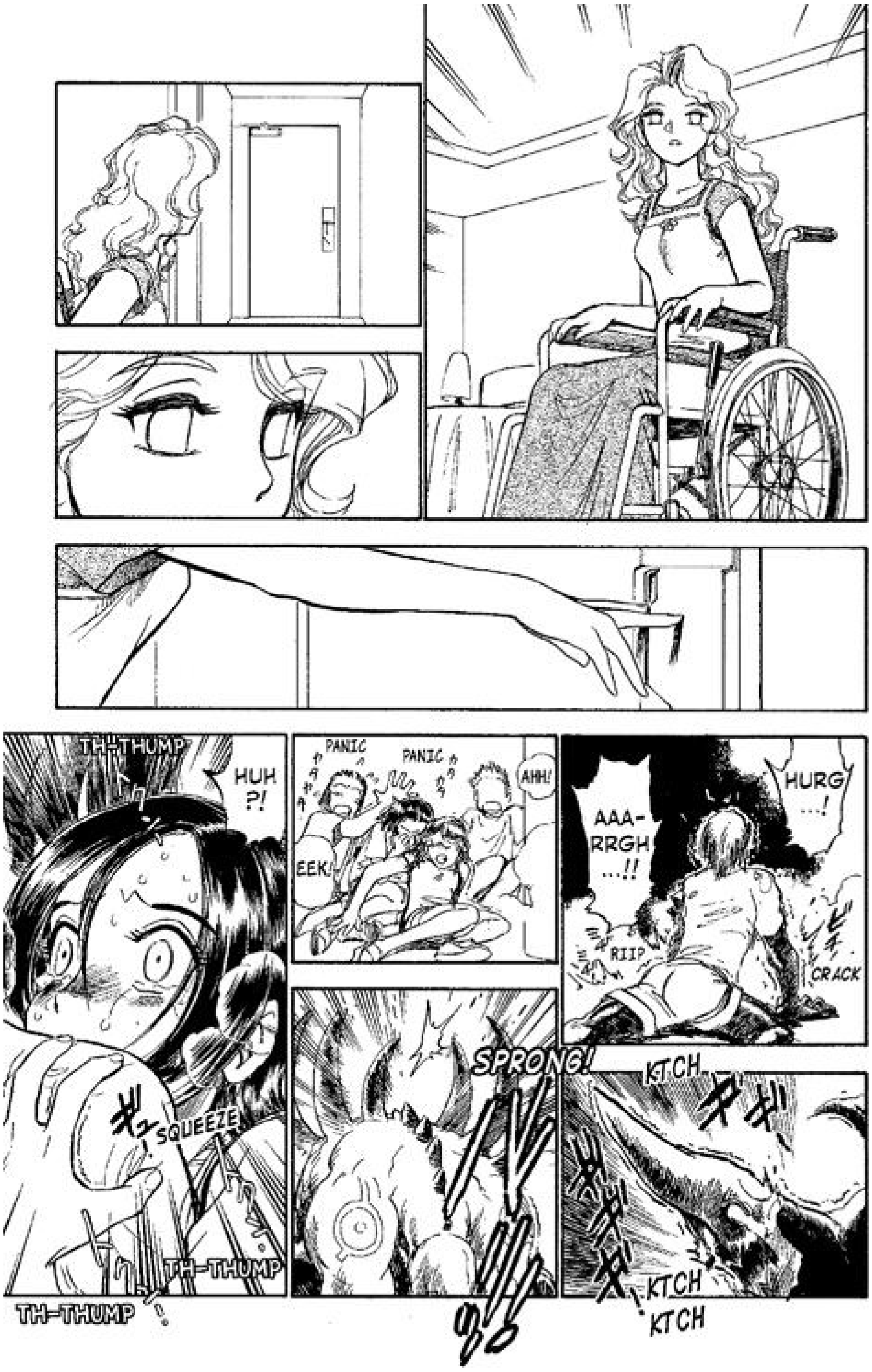
DA-DA-DA-DA
UNGH!
AAGH!
RA-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
BON BON BON
BON BON BON
KA-CHAK
VROOOM
DO-DO-DOH
HIDE!!
BA BA BA
RUN EVERY-ONE!
!

SSHOOO
IN ANCIENT TIMES ...
...PEOPLE PUT POISON-OUS INSECTS TOGETHER IN A POT SO THEY WOULD FIGHT EACH OTHER.
THEY SAID THAT YOU COULD FIND THE ONE WITH STRONGEST SOUL THAT WAY. WHICH-EVER WAS THE LAST ONE LEFT ALIVE...
AND IT SEEMS I'M DOING THE SAME THING HERE.

DWOOM!!!
DO-DOO-DOH
WHOOSH!
SLAM
...BOOM...
DO-DO-DOH
UGH...
KA-
RAT-TAT-TAT
KANA! YOU ALL RIGHT?
THOSE DAMN SANAGI HUNT GANG PUNKS ARE HERE!
DAMN THEM!
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE WRONG!

THOSE PEOPLE ARE THE SDF!
THEY'RE THE ONES IN CHARGE OF THIS PLACE!
THEY MUST BE IF THEY HAVE ROCKET LAUNCHERS!
THEY ABANDONED US HERE!
THEY'RE GOING TO WIPE US OUT!
ドクッ
TH-THUMP
S-STOP IT, KANA!
UGH!
SHFT...
DON'T GIVE UP!

TING!
ピクッ!
GRRR...
LOOM
GRRR...
OOOM
SUBJECT 015, CADUCEUS VIRUS ACTIVATED!
AND 010 ALSO BEGINNING ACTIVATION!
009... ...021...



TH-THUMP
HUH ?!
SQUEEZE
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
PANIC
PANIC
AHH!
EEK!
HURG ...!
AAA-RRGH ...!!
RIIP
CRACK
SPRONG!
KTCH
KTCH
KTCH

KA-
KANA?
I-
IORI ...
HELP ...
...ME...
PLEASE... IORI-KUN ...!!
AH!!
TWITCH
SWELL
NO!
FIGHT IT, KANA!!
YOU'RE CHANGING!
DON'T GIVE IN!!
CRICK

GRAAAH
CRUNCH

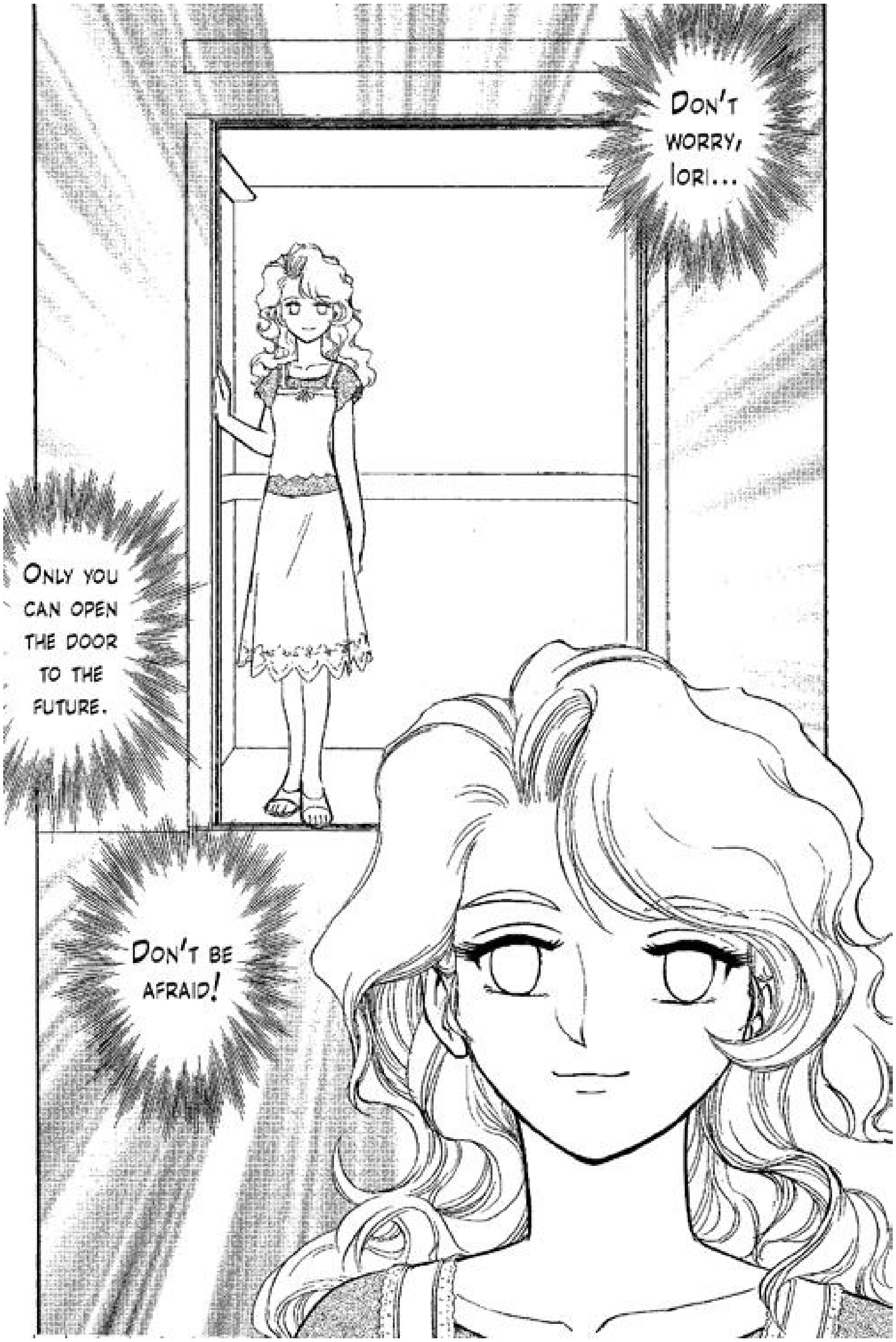
UWAAH!!

KA...
...NA!

BLOCK
SLASH!
RRIP
THUD!!
HISSSS!

BISHA
SLASH
AH!
BISHA
AAAH!
WHY?
WHACK
WHY ...?
WHY CAN'T I DO ANYTHING ...?!

KANA...!
AGHH!!
THUD


Don't worry, Iori...
Only you can open the door to the future.
Don't be afraid!

Awaken!
Thou beastly descendent!
The Caduceus virus in subject 026 is now activated!
Up until now, levels with patterns weren't showing!

THIS IS IT!!
FROM THE FATHOMLESS UNIVERSE...
A BEING OF FRAGMENTED STARS!
BORN OF WHITE HEAT PLASMA!
THE IMPLANT!
DO EVERY-THING IN YOUR POWER TO RECORD THIS!!

RISE...
...ULTIMATE GUILSTEIN!!
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